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## Austrian envoy sees PoWs in Damascus DFLP responsible for Druse man's fate

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine will be held directly responsible for the fate of the Druse IDF soldier Samir Assad captured by the DFLP. Should harm have befallen him, this group will suffer the consequences, an Israeli Defence Forces spokesman said yesterday.

The DFLP has officially reported to the International Red Cross that Assad was killed in an IDF bombing raid on Palm Island on June 28. But the IDF maintains that Hawatmeh's group has never had a base on the island.

Hawatmeh's spokesman last night reiterated their version of Assad's death on Palm Island.

In a related development, the Austrian Ambassador to Greece, Herbert Amry on Thursday visited three Israeli prisoners, Hezi Shai, Nissim Salem and Yosef Grof, held by Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, General Command. His visit provided the first confirmation that Shai, of the Armoured Corps is alive and well. Amry will deliver letters from all

## Court told more on attack on mayors

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Some of the grim, fascinating details on the making of the bombs which maimed two West Bank Arab mayors and blinded a Druse bomb disposal expert in June 1980 emerged in the Jerusalem District Court on Friday during the trial of two military government officers accused of aiding the Jewish terrorist organization.

All three devices were apparently activated by trip-wire mechanisms and consisted of up to 500 grams of explosive, according to the main witness in Friday's proceedings, Eli Ben-Bassat, a former police chief superintendent in command of the sabotage laboratory at National Police Headquarters at the time.

Ben-Bassat was summoned as a prosecution witness in the trial of Rav-Seren Shlomo Liviatan and Seren Aharon "Roni" Gila, who are accused of providing information to the alleged terrorists and of failing to warn their superiors of the plans to sabotage the mayors' cars. Gila is also accused of having failed to warn Druse sapper Suleiman Hirbawi that the car or home of the former mayor of El-Bira Ibrahim Tawil had been booby-trapped.

Tawil was to have been the main witness in Friday's proceedings but the prosecution informed the court that it would delay his appearance because of the Moslem sabbath (which falls on a Friday). He is to appear on July 26.

Ben-Bassat stated that the size of the charges and the way they were placed indicated that they could have killed. This directly contradicts statements given to the police by some of the accused in the main terrorist trial that their aim was to maim rather than kill the Palestinian Arab leaders so that they would not become martyrs.

During cross-examination by Gila's counsel advocate Ya'acov Rubin and from the bench, Ben-Bassat said that Hirbawi was not wearing the standard protective clothing issued to sappers when he approached Tawil's locked garage. Hirbawi insisted during his testimony last week that he was wearing the special helmet, goggles and flask (Continued on back page)



Martina Navratilova after her hard-earned triumph at Wimbledon where she yesterday won the women's tennis singles for the third consecutive year, defeating Chris Evert Lloyd 7-6, 6-2. Another absorbing match is set for today when Jimmy Connors challenges John McEnroe for the men's title. The match will be broadcast live over Israel Television at 4 p.m. Story, page 7. (UPI telephoto)

## 2 Israelis said involved in Nigerian kidnap

By HYAM CORNEY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
and Agencies  
Two Israelis, allegedly involved in the attempt to kidnap a former Nigerian transport minister in London and fly him to Lagos, were tentatively identified in Jerusalem as "Lou Shapiro" and "Avital."

According to the London Sunday newspaper, *The Observer*, two of the four men being held by the British police in the affair are Israelis and former Mossad agents. According to the paper's exclusive story, one of them is Russian-born, the other Tunisian-born.

The two Israelis reportedly flew to Britain from Nigeria on Wednesday and planned to fly out with former Nigerian transport minister Umaru Dikko on the same plane on Thursday. Dikko is a prominent opponent of the Nigerian military regime.

Officially there has been no confirmation from Scotland Yard about the nationalities of any of the four men held in the case, but all the British media are saying that two of the four are Israelis. The English girlfriend of one of them was also detained, but she has since been released.

Noting that no one has contacted the embassy, the Israeli Embassy has expressed itself "mystified at the general assumption that Israelis are involved in the matter."

The Nigerian and Israeli governments have both denied any involvement in the matter. In a related development, a Nigerian plane held in London and a British plane held in retaliation in Lagos have been released.

The Nigeria Airways cargo plane, which allegedly was to have carried the kidnapped former transport minister, took off for Lagos at 3:50 p.m. and the British plane was cleared to depart two hours later, said a British Caledonian spokesman.

Nigeria had said it would free the



A 1983 file photo of former Nigerian minister Umaru Dikko. (UPI telephoto)

## UK teacher says his pupil among 4 of ferry suspects

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The headmaster of a British boarding school has telegraphed the Foreign Ministry, the British Embassy in Tel Aviv, the Israeli Embassy in London and *The Jerusalem Post* asking why Israel is still holding Mazen Masri, a schoolboy passenger aboard the *Alifur Blanco* ferry which was forced into Haifa port on June 29.

Masri, headmaster Simon Gray writes, has not yet been released.

Of the 63 passengers and 24 crew members aboard the ferry when it was halted between Cyprus and Beirut, all but nine were released aboard the ferry on June 29 after being questioned and photographed. A further five were returned to Lebanon last Tuesday. A strict blackout has been maintained about the identities and fate of the remaining four who are still held in Israel.

Senior sources told *The Post* last night that the four will remain in custody "until their interrogation is over." The sources would give no indication of how long this might take.

They confirmed that the four were

directly involved in planning a major terrorist action against Israel, but would divulge no more information.

They would not confirm that the four were Shi'ite fundamentalists, as has been published abroad, and would give no details about their terrorist organization affiliation.

Gray, headmaster of the Battsborough School in Holbeton, Plymouth, writes that Masri had been a pupil at the school since last November. He had left England to join his parents in Beirut, travelling via Cyprus, "when taken off the ship by Israeli forces."

Gray writes that Masri was to have returned to England for university studies in September. The headmaster says he has also been in touch with the International Red Cross and "received confirmation that Mazen is still being held, but no reason why."

Gray says that he has "little information" about his former pupil's doings prior to November 1983, "but certainly since then he has been a bona fide student with us."

"Neither the school nor his parents know why Mazen is still being held," Gray writes.

## Rabbinical courts back, engineers step up strike

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. - The country's rabbinical courts will function as usual today, after the national committee of court workers decided on Friday to suspend the industrial action of the past few days. The decision came in response to appeals by the two chief rabbis and the president of the rabbinical high court that the action be halted.

Since last week, the workers have not been receiving the public, leading to delays in marriage and divorce proceedings. The workers decided to suspend their action after receiving a promise that representatives of the Religious Affairs Ministry and the Civil Service Commission will meet with them on Tuesday to hear their grievances.

The workers are demanding wage parity with civil court workers. They allege that certain clauses in their 1982 work agreement guaranteeing them parity have not been adhered to.

Doctors working in Kupat Holim hospitals will absent themselves from work on Tuesday, it was decided at a meeting late Thursday night. The doctors accused the Histadrut health fund management of attempting to sign private work con-

## Jumblatt discusses Lebanon with Assad in Damascus

DAMASCUS (Reuters). - Syrian President Hafez Assad yesterday held talks with Lebanese Druse leader Walid Jumblatt on the situation in Lebanon, the official Syrian news agency said.

Jumblatt, who is minister of tourism in Prime Minister Rashid Karamah's national unity government, arrived in Damascus on Friday night from Moscow on his way back to Lebanon. Meanwhile, the security plan aimed at reuniting the two halves of Beirut within a week has encountered delays that could last several days.

Beirut's airport and harbour, closed since February 6, should have reopened on Friday under the plan.

but indications are they may not be working before tomorrow or even later.

Government officials cited security reasons for the delay, the main concern being to ensure the safety of the routes leading to the airport.

A Green Line separates Christian East Beirut from mainly Moslem West Beirut and the southern suburbs, where the airport is sited. For the past five months only one crossing has been open.

On Thursday the army bulldozed dirt barricades from three more crossings and on Friday it removed mines and unexploded shells that had crashed there during fighting between Moslem and Christian forces.

## Discount Bank workers to strike today

By PINHAS LANDAU  
Discount Bank workers are to stage a one-day strike today, with last-minute Histadrut-sponsored talks ending in a deadlock last night.

The bank's works committee issued a memorandum on Friday charging that management intransigence regarding wage increases and work conditions had left it no choice but to strike.

The management expressed surprise at the "unnecessary step" and said it was "prepared to renew negotiations once the threat of industrial action had been removed."

## Religious-secular stoning in capital

Secular and religious residents of Jerusalem's Bukharan Quarter battled each other for four hours yesterday afternoon, leaving behind a number of broken windows in neighborhood homes and shops. Five persons were arrested.

The trouble started at 4 p.m. when ultra-religious residents began stoning cars travelling on Rehov Yehzekiel, claiming that the Sabbath was being desecrated by football players using a local pitch. According to the police spokesman this claim, true last Shabbat, was unfounded this week, as the pitch had not been in

## Police told to probe terror trial reports

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has asked the head of the police investigations department Nitzav Yehzekiel Carthy to look into two press reports concerning the Jewish "terror organization" which may have violated the law. In both cases, Zamir acted after receiving complaints, the official statement to the press stated.

In the first case, an article appeared in the New York *Jewish Press* of May 25, 1984, signed by Kach leader Meir Kahane. The article contains the names of the suspects and other information that identifies them. Publication of these details is *prima facie* evidence for violation of the Jerusalem District Court order forbidding such publication, the official statement said.

In the second case, the complaint came from a relative of the Israel Defence Forces officer involved in the incident that led to the blinding of police sapper Suleiman Hirbawi. The complaint concerns an article written by Eitan Haber and published in *Yediot Aharonot* on May 28, 1984. This article, too, is *prima facie* evidence for violation of the law, the statement said.

## Cairo and Moscow move to full diplomatic relations

MOSCOW (Reuters). - Egypt and the Soviet Union have agreed to exchange ambassadors, marking a return to full diplomatic relations after a three-year rift begun when the late president Anwar Sadat expelled the last Soviet ambassador.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said on Friday night agreement had been reached and named Moscow's new ambassador to Cairo as Alexander Belogomov, a career diplomat in his first ambassadorial post.

Cairo and Moscow are resuming full diplomatic links following increased trade between the two countries and despite the possibility of displeasure in Washington, which supplies Egypt with \$2.25 billion a year in aid.

Cairo's semi-official newspaper, *al-Ahram* foreshadowed the announcement some days ago, reporting that ambassadors would be exchanged by August and naming Salah Bassouni, a senior Foreign Ministry official, as probable envoy to Moscow.

## 12 killed, 74 hurt on roads

A total of 12 persons were killed and 74 injured severely in 73 road accidents last week. Among the dead were nine pedestrians, four of them children, police reported. Of the severely injured, 61 were pedestrians, 36 of them children.

One of the dead is Salah Khazoum, 75, of Pardes Katz who received fatal injuries in a four-car road accident Friday evening at the Michmoret junction. The traffic policeman on duty at the junction signalled to a taxi to halt and two cars behind it did so as well.

But a fourth car, driven by Gabi Adimi, 32, of Ganei Tikva, failed to stop on time and crashed into the car in front of him, setting off a chain of crashes. Nine persons were injured, four of them members of the Khazoum family. All of the injured, including Adimi, were taken to Hillel Yaffe Hospital in Hadera where Salah Khazoum died.

Another of the dead in last week's accidents is Abdul-Hamid Kishita, 35, who was struck down by a bicycle ridden by a 17-year-old on Thursday night on an unlighted street in Rafiah in the Gaza Strip. The bicycle had no lamp, police said. Kishita was declared dead at the Khan Yunis hospital.

In Ashkelon, Golan Toledano, 7, of the Shapira quarter, was severely injured when he stepped into the road from behind a parked truck. He was hit by a car driven by Yitzhak Gol, 36, of Nehora. The spokesman of the Ashkelon Hospital reported that the boy is out of danger. (Itim)

## Orgad, Ya'acobi and Hurvitz in tepid debate

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. - Labour Party economic spokesman Gad Ya'acobi joined battle in Friday's economic debate with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and former finance minister Yigal Hurvitz, although all-in-all it was a pretty tepid affair. The participants practically admitted that, with elections around the corner, little of substance could be expected of them - and they were right.

The debate, organized by the Forum for Political and Social Discussion in memory of Moshe Dayan, was entitled "Saving the Israel economy - How?" No satisfactory answer was provided, though each of the three participants tried to give the impression that he was the man to do it.

Cohen-Orgad led off the debate painting a glowing picture of what can be expected from four more years of Likud rule. Without once mentioning inflation, the finance minister predicted an annual growth rate of 4.5 per cent, and industrial growth of up to 15 per cent. The "positive developments" of the past few months, such as the public's demonstration of its belief in the economic system as indicated by its increased savings, shows that such

growth can be attained, he said.

Ya'acobi had a field day attacking the Likud's economic record. Cohen-Orgad's plan was "nice," Ya'acobi said, but why hadn't the government carried it out during the past seven years. The Likud's economic policy is based on "fantasy," Ya'acobi said, and it had established a misguided and harmful national order of priorities.

Ya'acobi was less impressive when it came to solutions. He trotted out the Alignment's well-known programme of cutting government expenditure, reducing the printing of money, and moving the labour force away from services and into manufacturing.

Hurvitz, leader of the Ometz Party, promised to talk bluntly, despite the impending elections.

He then read out portions of his party's platform in a low, barely audible voice, as if bored with saying the same things over and over again.

Hurvitz grew animated when calling for a national unity government. His statement that "the problem is not with Yigal or Gad or me - it is with the political parties," drew applause from the audience. There is no chance of any sort of "package deal" working while either one of the parties is in opposition, he said.

Cohen-Orgad said that he agreed with Hurvitz - as long as it is the Likud that establishes the national unity government.

## Two missing, one drowned in stormy seas

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Two bathers were missing in heavy seas here yesterday, apparently drowned, and a villager from Deir al-Machsur was drowned south of Haifa on Friday. He was pulled out of the water, but efforts to resuscitate him failed.

A number of people were swept away by the four-metre waves but were rescued. Only two lifeguard stations were manned in the area and they flew the black warning flag.

Police boats and a helicopter searched in vain for the missing bathers at the Sheraton and Givat Aliya beaches.

Magen David Adom personnel resuscitated bathers who were pulled out of the water unconscious at the Sheraton. Herbert Samuel and Gordon beaches. In one case, MDA people worked on a Jerusalem Arab for 40 minutes before observing signs of life. He was then transferred to hospital, still unconscious and in serious condition.

**CORRECTION**  
In the Shikun Ovdim advertisement which appeared on Friday, July 6, 1984, in the Jerusalem Post Magazine, there was an omission. It should be indicated that the prices quoted include development but not V.A.T.

## Back to meet with Likud, Labour campaigners

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Chairman of the General Elections Committee Justice Gavriel Bach will reportedly meet with election campaign leaders of the Likud and Labour Alignment to remind them to adhere to the "clean fight" electioneering code.

The meeting follows censored cuts in the parties' daily TV programmes, made by the Central Elections Committee. The cuts involved "exposés" of each others' citizen supporters screened on TV last week. The meeting was seen as an attempt to prevent the overheating of the campaign as polling day draws closer. (Continued on page 2, col. 6)

## Bank of Israel plans IS100,000 note

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter  
Inflation is outpacing the Bank of Israel's schedule for introducing higher denomination bank notes. Bank officials are now discussing the possible introduction of a IS100,000 note by the end of the year, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

A bank official was recently sent to Holland to see whether printers there could speed production of IS5,000 and IS10,000 notes. He was told that the IS5,000 note could not be ready earlier than next month while the IS10,000 note would be ready only at the end of the year.

Some time next year, a IS50,000 note, which the bank had intended to be the highest denomination in circulation, will be introduced. But the pace of inflation is so high, that the bank fears that a IS100,000 bill will be necessary.

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## Zamir asks Levy to reconsider Tyre report

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has asked Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy to reconsider the suggestion of the Judge Advocate General that action be taken against Israel Defence Forces officers found responsible for the disaster in Tyre on November 4, 1983.

The Reshef inquiry committee was set up by the IDF after the Tyre truck-bombing in which 61 persons were killed.

Levy informed the Judge Advocate General and the defence minister last week that taking action against the officers would "do no good and might do harm," because they did not for what they neglected to do.

## Egypt official returns to Cairo

The charge d'affaires at the Egyptian Embassy in Tel Aviv, Mohammed Bassiouny, returned to Cairo at the end of last week for "consultations," it was reported last night on Israel Radio.

Diplomatic sources in Jerusalem said last night that the move was apparently connected with Bassiouny's career, rather than with regional events. Bassiouny reportedly is due to end his stint as minister at the embassy this summer. He has served in Tel Aviv since the embassy's establishment in February, 1980.

## UK envoy to Israel goes next to S. Africa

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — Patrick Moberly, whose term as Britain's ambassador to Israel finishes at the end of this month, has been appointed ambassador to South Africa. The Foreign Office has announced.

Moberly's successor in Tel Aviv, William Squire, takes over at the end of August. His wife Sara, also a Foreign Office employee will be no newcomer to Tel Aviv, having served at the British Embassy there from 1972 to 1975 as third (and subsequently second) secretary.

She is reported to speak excellent Hebrew.

## DFLP

(Continued from Page One) and to the IDF men that Jibril holds in Damascus. The negotiations are on purely humanitarian grounds and imply no political recognition, Tamir said.

Amry said on Friday that in principle both sides want an exchange, but that this will take some time. Amry has been shuttling for months between Athens, Jerusalem and Damascus. Also involved in the negotiations has been Arie "Lova" Eliav, a close personal friend of the Austrian diplomat.

Discussing the DFLP announcement on Assad, Tamir stressed the IDF statement that Hawatmeh's group has had no base on the bombed island and said that the claim that he is dead was either psychological warfare or an indication that the Druse soldier had been killed in cold blood. "But they will pay for it, if he is dead," Tamir said.

## HOME AND WORLD NEWS

## Swedish Unifil chief rebuts 'brutality' story

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

TEL AVIV. — The head of the Swedish Unifil contingent has expressed his sorrow to the Israel Defence Forces liaison office here at reports by a Swedish news agency of murder and brutality by the General Security Services in South Lebanon.

Lt. Col. Egelsson also denied that the reports emanated from the Swedish hospital in Nakoura or from members of the Swedish Unifil contingent. It is clear, he said, that the source of the reports is a Lebanese newspaper.

Swedish newspapers and The Times of London last week both reported that GSS agents in civilian clothes were searching out and arresting Lebanese suspected of hostile acts against Israel. The agents were aided by tracker dogs, according to the Swedish reports.

Robert Fisk, The Times correspondent, said four Israelis, dressed in T-shirts and carrying rifles, shot dead a 27-year-old Arab, in the village of Bidias. Fisk named the

commander of the GSS operation as Lt. Col. Ya'acov Sweidan. According to the Associated Press, the shooting took place on June 14 before the man's wife and mother.

AP quoted Daoud Daoud, a local Shiite Amal leader, as telling its reporter that the dead man, Moshed Nahhas had earlier been asked, and had refused, to form a local pro-Israel militia. He said Nahhas had once been active in the Shiite militia, Amal, but had ceased that association.

Fisk quoted a UN spokesman in the area as saying to him, "We know the Shin Bet (GSS) and they are seeking out people who are either planning or plotting or carrying out aggressive actions against the Israelis."

Egelsson, in a letter to the IDF liaison unit, said that the reports of brutality had in fact appeared in an in-house Nakoura hospital journal and that the item had been translated, almost word for word, from the Lebanese paper Daily Star.

## Eilat port strike breaks out again

EILAT (Itim). — The strike that broke out in Eilat port on Thursday morning and was called off in the afternoon, broke out again on Friday morning. Sources close to the strikers blame the strike on the absence of a paramedic in the port.

Because of the strike, the Zim Sydney was transferred to Ashdod on Friday afternoon to complete unloading.

On Thursday, agreement was reached to end the strike, after Labour Council secretary Meir

Biton intervened. But the workers refused to go along with the agreement and forced their committee to renew the strike.

Eilat port manager David Segal said it had been agreed that an employee of the port's mechanical equipment department, who is a qualified medic, would also serve as paramedic. But the workers' committee forced this employee to refuse to accept the additional work, Segal said.

## TV and radio wage agreement signed

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter A new wage agreement was signed late on Friday afternoon between the management of the Israel Broadcasting Authority and TV and radio journalists.

The agreement, which is effective for two years and has Treasury approval, gives electronic media journalists a wage structure parallel to that in the print media.

TBA Director-General Uri Porat

faces another headache today from administrative workers, who last week gave notice that they also want to negotiate a wage agreement.

The administrative staff, which is seeking the salaries and status of journalists, threatened to impose severe sanctions if management does not accede to their demands.

Meanwhile, the journalists have declared they will not support the administrative staff in its struggle.

## Wounded Egged driver wins court order

The High Court of Justice has ordered Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Chief of Staff Moshe Levy to show cause why they should not recognize an Egged bus driver, wounded in Lebanon, as a soldier and extend him medical services through the Defence Ministry.

The court gave the two officials 40 days to answer the claim of Shmuel Kleinman, who was wounded in a terrorist attack while transporting soldiers in Lebanon on February 13, 1983. The decision of the court could affect other civilians employed in Lebanon, including other bus drivers.

Kleinman says that he was treated like an IDF soldier in every way, after being mobilized into the army immediately after he was wounded. A month after being wounded, Kleinman was released from reserve duty and treated by the rehabilita-

tion department of the Defence Ministry until October 1983, when he was called to the bureau of the IDF chief medical officer and told a mistake had been made.

His call-up was cancelled retroactively and orders were given to stop all rehabilitation services. When his advocate applied to the army to have the treatment renewed, he was informed that Kleinman had been a terrorist when he was wounded and was not "covered" as a soldier. He was advised to apply to the National Insurance Institute, which covers civilians hurt in enemy action.

Kleinman noted that the IDF had stopped using Egged buses to transport troops in Lebanon, but maintained that while Egged was operating in the area, there had been an agreement to treat drivers as soldiers. (Itim)

## Aberdeen may host Israeli band after all

By HAIM CORNEY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — Attempts in the Scottish town of Aberdeen to prevent an Israeli youth orchestra from taking part in an international youth festival there next month will probably be foiled.

Jim Kiddie, a member of the Aberdeen Trades Council, called on the council to keep the Kiyat Ono youth band from participating. Another Labour councillor, Robert Robertson, supporting the call for a ban, said: "I cannot condone the attacks and killings of women and children." Kiddie spoke of "the racism shown by Israel towards the Palestinians."

The festival organizers feared that a ban would ruin the event, but there appears little chance of this happening. Tory councillor Bernard Morrison has asserted that the band "will be given a traditional warm and friendly welcome to the city."

Fears that the adverse publicity would make it difficult to find families in Aberdeen to offer hospitality to the 55 members of the band are also vanishing. Morrison has offered

to put up some of the youngsters at his home and other offers are coming in.

The band is coming to Britain for three weeks and will also be giving concerts in Glasgow, Manchester, Liverpool, Brighton and London.

## Queen Elizabeth II to get Wingate stamp

An album of sheets of the memorial postage stamp dedicated to the Zionist British army officer Charles Wingate will be presented to Queen Elizabeth II of England by Israel's Ambassador to London, Yehuda Haffner.

The first sheets of Wingate stamps will be handed over by Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori to British Ambassador Patrick Moberly in a special ceremony marking the appearance of memorial postage stamps dedicated to Wingate and Leon Pinsker.

The 150 Wingate stamp was designed by A. Vanooijen.

## NIGERIAN

(Continued from Page One) sources described as an "Israeli mercenary outfit." Both men had also been drugged and were unconscious.

Earlier yesterday, the head of the Scotland Yard police anti-terrorist squad, Commander William Hucklesby, said only that three men held since Dikko's discovery were of Middle Eastern appearance and it was not yet known if they were mercenaries.

The men were among 17 people detained for questioning, including the crew of the Nigerian Boeing-707 which was to have shipped the crates to Lagos. 13 were released. An Israeli Embassy spokesman told reporters he had no way of confirming that Israeli citizens were involved in the incident. "It has nothing to do with the Israeli Government. We have not been informed by the British consular authorities that Israeli citizens are being held and in need of help," he said.



Commander Yehoshua Caspi (left) greets his successor at the southern district, Commander Avraham Turgeman, while Deputy Commander Shmuel Bugler (centre) looks on.

## New police chief for southern district

Pledging to "talk little but to achieve much," Commander Avraham Turgeman on Friday took over the southern police district from Commander Yehoshua Caspi at southern district headquarters in Jerusalem.

Welcoming his successor, Caspi noted that he was leaving him with a "clean desk." He noted that there had been a number of organizational changes since he took over the southern district and mentioned in particular the case of the Emile Grunzweig murder, the unmasking of the TNT organization and the discovery of the Lifta gang.

Turning to the journalists present,

Caspi noted that he had not been known for providing "leaks" and he hoped they would appreciate the positive aspects of this.

Meeting later on with southern district police officers in Beersheba, Caspi praised an alert public for helping the police in finding terrorist bombs, particularly in Jerusalem, which was always a target. He praised the Negev police force, saying that the crime rate there had dropped by 25 per cent in the past 3½ years of his command.

Caspi is retiring from the police force after 35 years and will be studying for a doctorate in the U.S. (Itim)

## Hefetz: Turgeman leaked the story

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). — In the opinion of suspended Assistant Commander Assaf Hefetz it was the former Tel Aviv police chief Avraham Turgeman and not he who leaked information to the press about the alleged police mishandling of an attempted attack on the Temple Mount by the so-called Lifta Gang.

This emerged on Friday during the testimony of Assistant Commander Yoram Gonen, head of the investigation department in police headquarters. Gonen was the first witness in Hefetz's trial before a police disciplinary court on charges of leaking information about the Lifta Gang attempt to the press.

Hefetz, who formerly headed the elite Central Unit of the Tel Aviv

District Police, denied all the charges against him.

Gonen said he interviewed Hefetz twice — once before showing him transcripts of taped telephone conversations with journalists and once afterwards. He said Hefetz had been shocked at the phone tapping.

In the second interview, Hefetz said police officers had regular phone contacts with journalists and that after the initial contact had been made there was no need to clear each subsequent conversation. Hefetz further told him, Gonen said, that similar conversations would be recorded with many other senior officers, were their phones to be tapped.

Gonen also told the court that in his assessment Hefetz had not been the source of the leak to the press.

## June exports up 1 per cent over last year

Post Economic Reporter Exports rose by 1 per cent last month compared with June 1983, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics on Friday.

Exports totalled some \$410 million last month, compared with \$406m. in June, 1983. In the first half of 1984, exports rose to \$2.7 billion, some \$300m. more than over the same period last year.

Industrial exports (diamonds ex-

cepted) totalled \$308m. in June, compared with \$292m. in June 1983, but exports of other items registered a fall. Agricultural exports fell from \$21m. in June, 1983 to \$15.5m. this June, while diamond exports dropped from \$90m. to \$86m.

The bureau's figures show that industrial exports (diamonds excepted) went up 14 per cent in the first half of 1984 to \$1.6b., in the January to June 1983 period.

## Three sentenced for displaying PLO flag

ACRE (Itim). — Three Galilee Arabs were sentenced on Friday for displaying the PLO flag on Land Day and on the anniversary of the Beirut massacres in Sabra and Shatila.

The local magistrates court sentenced Khaled Salah, 30, from Arabe to seven months jail and six months

suspended, with a \$100,000 fine; Mohammed Halili, 20, from Sakhnin, to seven weeks jail, eight months suspended and a \$30,000 fine; and Ibrahim Halila, 20, also from Sakhnin, to three months jail, three months suspended and a \$25,000 fine.

## Chagall celebrates his 97th birthday

SAINT-PAUL-DE-VENTENCE, France (Reuters). — French painter Marc Chagall celebrated his 97th birthday yesterday in grand style, with three simultaneous exhibitions in France paying tribute to his extraordinary life and work.

"I never thought I'd have the joy of seeing these pictures again," Chagall said on Friday night, his blue eyes twinkling, as he toured an exhibition of his paintings in Saint-Paul-de-Vence, his adopted hometown in the foothills above France's Mediterranean coast.

## Six drivers complain of shattered windshields

NETANYA (Itim). — Six drivers have complained to police that their car windshields were shattered by stones thrown from passing vehicles on the Taibu-Kalansuwa road before dawn on Friday.

An exhibit of his stained glass windows and sculpture opened yesterday in nearby Nice, while a collection of 200 works on paper recently opened at the Pompidou Centre in Paris.

## Double murder suspect remanded for 10 days

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A Kiron man was remanded for 10 days in the local magistrate's court on suspicion of murdering two people by booby-trapping their car with a grenade.

David Assur, 22, claims that he was in Eilat on June 30, when Yossi Hazak and Shimon Arussi were blown up in Hazak's car and died of their wounds. Assur was only able to give the police the nickname of the man who he was with in Eilat. The police asked for Assur's remand so that they could check his alibi.

## Lavish food and warm welcome for Weizman at Abu Ghosh

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Buoyed by the large and enthusiastic turnout of Arab voters who earlier last week had cheered him at Nahal Irtan (Wadi Ara), a cheerful Ezer Weizman on Friday afternoon arrived at Abu Ghosh, the Arab village nestled in the hills overlooking the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway.

Promised a *haffa* — a traditional Arab feast — Weizman bounded up the 84 steps from the roadside to the magnificent home of the mukhtar, Haj Musa Abu-Ghosh, where he was given a princely welcome. The master of the house was away, but other members of his family were on hand to receive the honoured guest and his entourage.

There was a brief delay in serving the food, so Weizman made campaign small talk, deftly parrying leading questions, dodging a direct reply as to whether he would form a coalition with Likud or with Labour. "It isn't who, but what. We have to weigh what each party stands for, and then we'll decide."

With the tantalizing aroma of roast lamb wafting into the room, Weizman plunged back into the fray, stressing the importance of reviving the spirit of Camp David and of dealing with the Palestinian problem in all its aspects. He recalled his quarrel with Menachem Begin, which had led to the parting of their ways, but was careful to praise rather than criticize the former prime minister, saying that nothing could detract from Begin's role in the peace process.

With just the faintest hint of impatience, and a smile, he then announced in a loud voice that he was hungry.

Everyone was promptly ushered from the luxurious living room to the adjacent dining-room where the table was laden with two whole lambs stuffed with rice, a brace of roast fowl, stuffed marrows and vineleaves, braised meat floating in a rich, pungent sauce, rice platters, cooked vegetables, raw salads, pickles and fruit juices.

Twenty-six people sat around the

long table, with Weizman, his wife Renana and long-time friend and air force colleague Mordechai Hod, former commander of the Israel Air Force and later president of El Al, who is No. 4 on the Yahad list, placed at the head. Weizman carved the first slice of lamb to loud applause and then everyone dug in.

A sweet dessert and fresh fruits were served in the living room, after which the Jews were temporarily left to their own devices while the Arab hosts went to pray.

After the prayers, less than 10 per cent of the village's 5,000 residents came to hear Weizman speak in the tree-lined courtyard surrounding the entrance to the mukhtar's home. There were no women in the audience.

Some of the older men sat, leaning on canes, fingering worry beads. The younger men were more volatile and vocal. Some of them had cornered Weizman upstairs, an hour or two earlier and they continued to challenge him downstairs. They were interested in national service for Arabs; equal rights for Arabs; improved relations with Egypt; withdrawal from Lebanon; a healthy economy and better housing.

Weizman said that he would aim for peace with all of Israel's neighbours, "but not at any price." He agreed that Arabs were under-represented in the Knesset and other strata of society and said that this must be remedied.

He said he understood the Arab need to do some form of national service, and also that military service was difficult because "we can't expect Arabs to raise arms against other Arabs."

He was optimistic that once Israel withdraws from Lebanon, there will be a thaw in our relationship with Egypt, and the Egyptian ambassador will be returned to Tel Aviv. But he cautioned that withdrawal from Lebanon could not be hurried. "It has to be properly planned."

As he left, the audience swarmed around him, inviting him back for a victory feast after July 23.

## Ben-Porat condemns political tuggery

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Mordechai Ben-Porat, head of the Movement for Zionist Renewal, warned on Friday that the parties must join forces to stop political tuggery before it got out of control.

Ben-Porat was speaking during a tour of the Pardes Katz market after the local branch office of his movement had been vandalized and windows had been broken at the local Tami offices.

Ben-Porat said that, despite the various pacts between the parties promising a clean election campaign, the situation was becoming worse than in 1981. Election day, said Ben-Porat, should be a festival of democracy and an education to the young who will be casting their ballots for the first time.

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Katynushas." Last Wednesday, her mother Shoshana said on another Likud broadcast that a telephone caller had threatened to harm Lisa and warned that Shoshana would lose her teaching position in a Kibbutz school.

The Alignment countered that Peretz had been dismissed more than a month before her TV appearance.

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## BACH TO MEET

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Meanwhile, Labour's television campaign yesterday returned to the "solid issues" of the election, in an effort to get away from the Peretz family of Kiryat Shmona.

The Likud had the tables turned on its television producers last night, when comedian Sefi Rivlin was blacked out while discussing the black-out of Labour shots last week, apparently by order of Bach.

Labour retaliated last night on the TV front, showing an avuncular Shimon Peres discussing serious social issues with a friendly audience, and

concluding with the Gashash trio asking whether David Levy built Masada.

The Likud tried, went out to undermine the credibility of the previous week's Labour broadcast on the sad state of Beit She'an. While Labour had shown dusty streets and unhappy unemployed, the Likud gave a helicopter view of a rather pleasant town.

As usual, the NRP sought an effective way of conveying its message and the catchiest jingle. The new (Sephardi Torah Guardians) list showed how Aguda has neglected the Sephardi yeshivot.

## Man remanded in wife-beating case

ASHKELON (Itim). — A 31-year-old Ashkelon man was ordered detained for five days on Friday on suspicion of beating his wife.

But Avi Kalara told Judge Amir-Dannenberg in the Ashkelon Magistrates Court a different story: "I suffer from my wife. I do the laundry, prepare her meals and give her my salary, but she beats me and then complains to the police before I do. I'm sick of her and want a divorce."

## Biton threatens to sue PLP

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Charlie Biton, No. 4 on the Democratic Front list, has warned the Progressive List for Peace that he will sue them for libel if they do not immediately retract an allegation that he intends to switch to the Alignment after the elections.

A Progressive List publication yesterday charged that Biton has reached a secret agreement whereby he will declare himself a one-man faction and join the Alignment.

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## Iran's 'grand offensive' to come 'within a year'

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — Iran's parliament speaker said on Friday that his country's long-expected "grand offensive" against Iraq was inevitable and could occur at any time within the next year.

At a congregational prayer service in Teheran, Parliament Speaker Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani said the "final attack will not be based on revenge motives. Rather, it will be the product of careful planning."

An estimated 400,000 Iranian regulars and volunteers have been reported stationed along the Iraq-Iran border in southern Iraq's Basra region in preparation for an offensive.

Arab diplomatic sources in Bahrain said the Iranians also have placed columns of tanks with field gun batteries east of Basra. The sources, who spoke on condition they not be identified, said the Iraqis have mobilized more than half a million men to repulse the expected attack.

Rafsanjani's sermon was broadcast by Iranian state radio, monitored in Bahrain.

On Friday, the armed forces general command in Baghdad said in a communiqué that Iraqi gunners and combat patrols attacked Iranian positions and "troop concentrations" across the nation's eastern border, scoring "direct and effective hits" on several targets.

An Iranian joint staff communiqué quoted by the Iranian news agency, Irna, accused Iraqi forces of shelling the southern Iranian cities of Abadan and Khorramshahr on Thursday.

The communiqué said Iranian forces shot down an Iraqi helicopter gunship near the Shatt al-Arab waterway, and that more than 50 Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded in ground clashes.

Iran has experienced "some military problems" at its Kharg Island oil terminal in the northern Gulf, but they have not affected Iranian oil exports, Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi said yesterday.

In Oslo, Norwegian shipping

sources said on Friday that only small and medium-sized tankers can use Kharg because of damage caused by an Iraqi air attack on June 24.

The attack, in which the Greek tanker Alexander the Great was hit, did not affect pumping operations but engineers had to perform underwater exploration on one of the jetties before larger tankers could once again use the facilities.

The Japanese-chartered tanker Primrose, hit in an apparent Iranian air attack on Thursday, has anchored off the United Arab Emirates' port of Fujairah for repairs, shipping sources said yesterday.

The 122,202-ton vessel had a 4x3 metre hole in its engine room. Another rocket hit the deck and a third bounced over the side when the Liberian-registered ship, laden with 1.5 million barrels of Saudi Arabian crude was attacked. There were no casualties, the ship's engines were not damaged and the cargo was untouched by the attack.

Japan has asked Iran to investi-

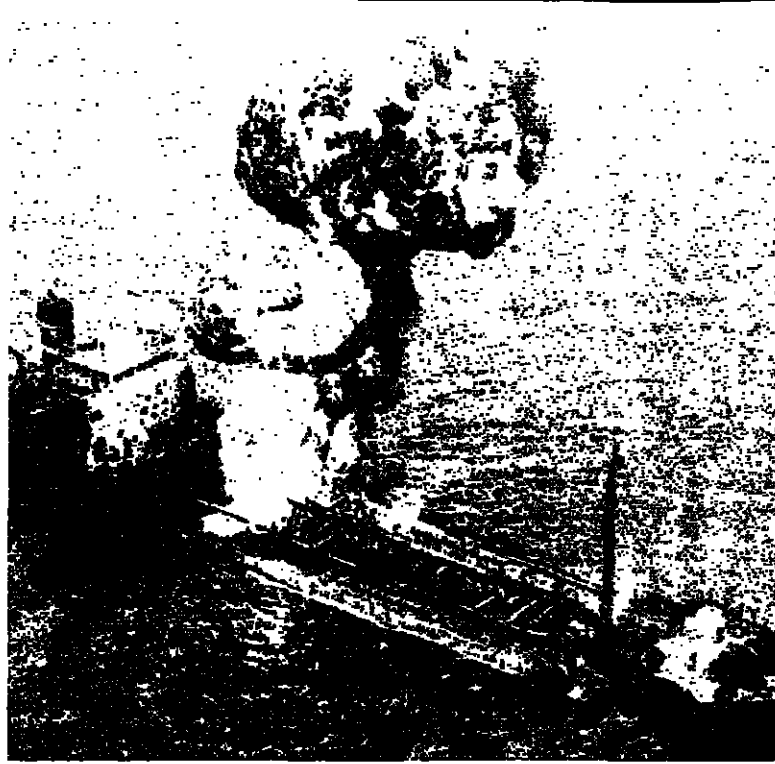
gate whether the unidentified fighters that hit the Primrose were Iranian planes, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Tokyo.

In Kuwait, high-ranking officers and military experts representing the armed forces of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) met behind closed doors yesterday to devise coordinated strategies against Iranian attacks on commercial shipping in Arab waters.

Military chiefs of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman reviewed earlier plans for a collective defence pact.

They interrupted their morning session to confer with the Kuwaiti Defence Minister Salem al-Sabah, who told them about his planned arms-seeking trip to the Soviet Union tomorrow.

Salem, dismayed by Washington's reluctance to sell his country Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, has said he was turning to the Soviet Union for weapons. (AP, Reuters)



A huge fireball rises yesterday from the Japanese tanker Hosi Maru, which burst into flames after colliding off the Japanese coast with the 4,128-ton Indonesian freighter Sangu Lirang, which also caught fire. The tanker's seven crew members were rescued by another vessel. (UPI telephoto)

## Sikh hijackers surrender in Pakistan

SRINAGAR, India (AP). — An undisclosed number of airport police here were detained for questioning on Friday following Thursday's hijacking of an Indian Airlines Airbus by Sikh militants.

The authorities want to know how the hijackers managed to board the aircraft with their weapons despite airport security checks.

Nine young Sikh hijackers armed with guns, axes and a phony bomb, who ordered the plane to fly to Lahore, Pakistan, surrendered unconditionally in Lahore on Friday after holding more than 250 hostages for 20 hours.

They were taken into custody by police, and are to face charges of air piracy, for which the maximum penalty in Pakistan is death.

Indian Airlines said 245 passengers and 10 crew were returned to New Delhi, where a crowd of flower-garlanded relatives cheered and

cried as they stepped off a chartered Pakistani DC-10.

The flight engineer of the hijacked A-300 Airbus was shot in the stomach, hit on the head and stabbed in the chest when he resisted the hijackers, an Indian Airlines press officer said in New Delhi. The crewman was seen standing outside the plane after his release.

No one else aboard was hurt, the press officer said, although Associated Press reporter Stephen Wilson, a passenger on the plane, saw an Indian soldier beaten with a cane and other passengers slapped.

About 20 minutes after the domestic flight left Srinagar, in Kashmir, for the flight to New Delhi, the hijackers jumped from their seats, shouting slogans and flashing weapons.

They fired shots through the cockpit door and demanded that the plane be flown to Pakistan, where authorities permitted it to land at

## Hot sun bares the truth at farm show

LONDON (Reuters). — Lavish hospitality and a greeting from British royalty honoured three Arab princes in flowing robes at Britain's biggest agricultural show — until the weather got too hot and changed their identity.

For three and a half hours, the trio, with a police car escort, toured the show in a chauffeur-driven Rolls Royce, receiving food and drink from officials and exhibitors. The Duke of Gloucester stopped his carriage to say: "Hello, how are you?"

Then the sun interfered with their show of eastern largesse, in which they talked of buying 5,000 head of prize cattle and 30 or 300 lambs.

It melted the swarthy stage-makeup worn by three English car dealers from Coventry, who had hired as a joke Arab costumes and false beards. They left to the cheers of the crowd.

A spokesman for the royal farming show at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire, central England, said: "We have had a laugh about it. They were very convincing."

## Tass says U.S. diplomats held 'clandestine meetings'

MOSCOW (AP). — The Tass news agency on Friday said two U.S. diplomats, who earlier were detained by Soviet authorities, had been caught while in a "clandestine meeting" with a Soviet citizen who allegedly was collecting intelligence information.

The Tass report indicated that the Soviet citizen identified as L. Tumanova, had been arrested.

Although Tass provided no further identification, it was believed the report referred to Lina Tumanova, said to be a one time human rights activist.

The Tass report said the Soviet

Union had made "appropriate representations" to the U.S. Embassy "in connection with the impermissible actions of its employees."

A spokesman for the embassy declined to comment on the latest charges involving the purportedly clandestine meeting, but he denied Soviet allegations that the two men engaged in activities "inconsistent with their diplomat status."

The latest developments followed a U.S. Embassy report that the two diplomats, Jon Purnell and George Glass, had been detained for two hours last Wednesday after meeting with a Soviet citizen on a Moscow street.

## Talks held to end Bolivian strike

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP). — Labour leaders on Friday night voted to extend over the weekend a general strike for higher wages and for an indefinite halt of Bolivia's foreign debt payments.

The strike on Friday caused gasoline and bread shortages as government and union leaders, fearing a long strike could provoke another coup attempt, worked to break a deadlock over wages and foreign debt payments.

Labour Minister Horacio Grebe said most workers remained off the job for a second day at mines, schools, public offices and factories in the Andean nation of 5.8 million people.

President Hernan Siles Zuazo's leftist civilian government, which survived a coup attempt on Saturday, June 30, and the Bolivian labour confederation held separate meetings to study the result of the negotiations that broke off early Friday.

"We reached satisfactory agreements on most points and we hope the confederation will decide to call off its strike," Grebe told reporters during a recess in the cabinet meeting.

Meanwhile, Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry at the weekend extended the nationwide state of emergency for 30 days and gave the armed forces unspecified new powers to fight leftist guerrillas.

But he stopped short of formally declaring martial law in the face of guerrilla violence that has claimed more than 160 lives in two weeks and

caused millions of dollars worth of damage.

Interior Minister Louis Percovich said after a cabinet meeting with the president that martial law had been ruled out "at this time." But he indicated that martial law might be effected under new authority given to the armed forces by the government.

In a bid to calm fears brought on by the guerrilla attacks, which the government says are aimed at disrupting the presidential elections scheduled for 1985, Belaunde also announced the first round of voting would be held next April 14 "to pick my successor."

In Uruguay, the armed forces and three of the nation's four major political groups began talks Friday on a formula for returning the nation to civilian democratic rule.

Leaders of the traditionally prominent Colorado Party, the small civic union and the "broad front," a coalition of leftist parties, said they pressed their demand for liberalization of political conditions in advance of elections tentatively scheduled for November 25.

The said the response from military leaders at the talks was "positive," although no concessions were promised.

## 8 years in jail for stealing \$300m.

NEW YORK (AP). — The former chairman of the collapsed Drysdale Securities Corp. was sentenced on Friday to eight years in prison for stealing \$300 million in one of the largest financial frauds in history.

Joseph Ossorio, 44, was among the executives responsible for a fraud so massive that it came close to causing a disaster on Wall Street in May 1982 and almost destroyed the Government Securities Market, the authorities said.

Ossorio had pleaded guilty to both New York State and Federal charges. It was agreed he will serve his time in federal prisons.

U.S. District Judge Morris Lasker denounced the "epic proportions" of Ossorio's securities fraud and sentenced him to eight years in prison for stealing \$60m from foreign customers, whom he was ordered to reimburse.

Later, Justice Jeffrey Atlas, of the New York State Supreme Court sentenced Ossorio to two to seven years in prison, to overlap with the federal sentence. Ossorio, who had pleaded guilty in state court to grand larceny and a fraud scheme, was also held liable for \$270m. stolen from Chase Manhattan Bank and \$20m. from Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.

## Moscow reiterates stand on space-weapons talks

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union on Friday said proposed talks on banning space weapons cannot begin without an agreement limiting the agenda to space issues. It also asserted that Washington must agree to a moratorium on testing anti-satellite systems.

In an official government statement distributed by the Tass news agency, and at a special briefing for foreign reporters, the Kremlin again rejected a U.S. proposal to discuss nuclear arms at a conference the Soviets have said should begin in Vienna next September.

It said it was inviting the U.S. to talks on a treaty banning anti-satellite weapons and other space-based arms, "and not some other talks."

But an official spokesman would not say whether this meant the invitation would be cancelled if the White House does not agree to an agenda limited to the issue of space weapons.

In the U.S. the administration said it welcomes the Soviet announcement confirming Moscow's readiness to open talks on space weapons and that diplomatic channels could be used to fix the agenda.

"This is good news that the Soviets are coming to the talks in Vienna," White House spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters aboard the presidential jet en route from Texas to Washington.

"We have no preconditions to our agreement. We would hope the Soviets would not impose preconditions either. Given the potential importance of the opportunity offered by these talks to both sides, I am confident that we will be able to work this out through diplomatic channels. We will be there in Vienna in September ready to talk," Speakes said.

He said: "There has been no change" in the U.S. position that the subject of arms control should be added to the agenda.

Speakes said it was assumed that

the Tass statement was issued after the receipt of a message from President Ronald Reagan that was carried to Moscow by the Soviet ambassador to Washington, Anatoly Dobrynin.

The Tass statement also reiterated a key element of the Soviet invitation — that the space weapons talks begin with a moratorium on testing, development or deployment of space weapons.

## Baby born from frozen embryo in Holland

ROTTERDAM (AP). — A Dutch doctor on Friday announced the birth of a four-kilogram boy produced from a frozen embryo, the second such birth in the world.

The baby was born Thursday night at the Dijkzigt University Hospital, said Dr. A. Alberda, a gynecologist who was a member of the medical team that oversaw the procedure.

The infant was in "excellent condition," Alberda said. The doctor refused to identify the parents, but said the mother had been treated for infertility for 10 years. Her fallopian tubes are blocked, he said, and she could not conceive normally.

The first birth from a frozen embryo occurred earlier this year in Australia.

Bonn permits screening of anti-Hitler film

BONN (JTA). — In a deviation from a year-old practice, the Foreign Ministry has decided to allow the screening of a West German film about the resistance to Adolf Hitler in the state-supported Goethe Institute cultural centres around the world.

The film, *Die Weisses Rose*, directed by Michael Verhoeven, denounces the failure of West Germany to declare invalid the verdicts of the notorious Nazi "people's court," which sent to death or to prison thousands of Hitler's political opponents.

In recent months, representatives of many organizations, including Jewish ones, have testified before a Bundestag committee which is examining the matter. According to political observers, there is little chance to get a Bundestag majority for the Social Democratic Party's motion to abolish the courts' verdicts.

## Pakistan's hangman dies of heart disease

KARACHI (Reuters). — Taka Masih, one of the world's most prolific official executioners, died in Pakistan's northern city of Lahore Friday of heart disease, jail officials said yesterday.

Masih is reputed to have hanged more than 5,000 people in his 25-year career as official hangman, including ousted prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1979.

Jail officials said they thought Masih was over 65.

He once told Reuters that he found the job "interesting" and had trained some relatives to follow in his footsteps.

In addition to a salary, he was paid 25 to 50 rupees (\$2-\$4) a hanging, which he complained was not enough.

## Dogs to sniff for illegal food in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP). — Two trained U.S. government beagles, each wearing an official green jacket, will soon be sniffing foreign luggage arriving at Los Angeles international airport in a search for banned food carried by Olympic fans.

An Agriculture Department spokesman said Friday that the two beagles are part of a six-dog team that is being trained for luggage and mail sniffing to detect illegal food items, such as sausages or citrus fruit, that can harbour foreign insect pests such as Mediterranean fruit flies.

The beagles and the other dogs, the larger Labrador retrievers, were trained at Lackland Air Force base, San Antonio, Texas, said Wayne Baggett of the department's animal and plant health inspection service.

Baggett said the two beagles are scheduled to begin patrolling in Los Angeles international's new Bradley terminal by July 16. "They won't be looking for drugs or explosives or anything like that," he said.

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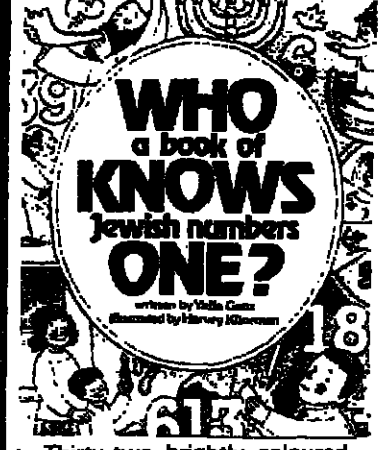
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THERE are as many kinds of editor as there are newspapers: it is a highly individual job. Gershon Agon, the founder of *The Post* and its first editor, was very closely involved with the politics of the Yishuv, the past history of the Jews, the future of Zionism. Agon cared very much about style and accuracy, but he was not really much involved in economics or education.

Ted Lurie was Agon's loyal collaborator from the first day. And he soon proved that he was more of a newspaperman than his mentor and friend. Almost a generation younger, Ted could already take the Zionist existence for granted and take issue with the faults that came up out of the underground about the same time as the Haganah defence organization emerged into the full light of day to become the Israel Defence Forces.

He was warmly sociable, and willing to listen to any and every hard-luck story about mistakes, mismanagement, misfortunes. He rarely came back to the office after a weekend without two or three first-hand accounts of what was going on, culled from a huge range of acquaintances that began with the friends of his wife and daughters and ended with cabinet ministers and ambassadors at one of the diplomatic functions that he always attended. Some of it was "news" to

## Constructive critic

An appreciation of Ted R. Lurie, the late editor of *The Post*, which appeared after his death ten years ago.

go into the paper. Much of it was background to flesh out the news. All of it was, first and foremost, part of the reality of Israel that needed a critical approach, a living background that he was always willing to share with visiting newsmen as much as with his colleagues. Not blindly critical as a paper in New York or London can afford to be, because there is little danger of the U.S. or Britain disappearing again in a clasp of thunder, but critical.

In the early Fifties, not long after Ted took over, the paper was losing money hand over foot. Business was tight and the competition tough. Under the Mandate, there had been an automatic place for an English-language newspaper. Now a new place would have to be established. The other papers were in Tel Aviv, and *The Post* isolated in the backwater that Jerusalem had temporarily become.

He spent two of his hardest years

organizing the business that brought the paper back to life. There were wearying goodwill visits with the advertising manager, and the organizing of other staff members on trips that introduced the paper to business and industry. A long series of supplements followed, devoted to a variety of special subjects. Once the infrastructure had been rebuilt and the paper had taken its proper place in the advertising hierarchy it was less difficult to find additional staff to widen its coverage and deepen its views.

These were difficult years. A little earlier, in 1948, the Hanukka Toy Fund had been born, to become an annual feature. As the most urgent needs changed, its character changed, and will change again. But it was a success, and the success has grown from year to year, with readers proud never to have missed a year, and the circle of contributors growing wider here and abroad,

where they are reached by the International Edition.

That problem settled, Ted set about the job of launching the International Edition to send abroad with a week's worth of Israel news, comment and pictures. This involved new finance, new contacts. It had been Agon's idea, but it took Ted's untiring optimism to get it going. Today, the money it brings in helps to make *The Post* a bigger, better paper.

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In the last two years, Ted was busily engaged on planning and preparing for the introduction of new,

high-speed photographic processes that will ultimately cut out the hot-lead typesetting machines. Prophetically, as it turned out, as there is already a growing shortage of typesetters and apprentices to the trade.

TED left the paper in good shape, and this was no doubt a deep satisfaction to him. But what had he really enjoyed most, over all the 42 long years? In 1948, just before the proclamation of the State, he had been asked to take charge of psychological warfare for the Haganah. He was to run Hebrew broadcasts from Tel Aviv, in a station that became the forerunner of Kol Yisrael. Earlier he had run a brief daily broadcast in Jerusalem, from a transmitter that was moved from house to house to escape detection.

He came to Jerusalem to take his family down to Tel Aviv, and on April 20 his wife and two small daughters – the third had not been born yet – climbed into an armoured car for the perilous trip back to Tel Aviv. Things moved fast at that time, and by the time they got to Abu Ghosh the firing was too heavy for the civilian convoy to get through. It turned back, getting them home safely.

Once in a while Ted would get nostalgic and say that was about the only thing in life he felt sorry he had missed.



David Rubinger

FIRST, the good news. The electricity stoppages on occasion coincided with the radio stoppages, so we got two strikes for the price of merely one. The fridge was getting soggy; on the other hand, how lucky are those of us who don't have electric typewriters, or word processors. I understand that without a special gimmick, the computer's memory bank gets wiped out during electricity stops. So it's one up for us who have only our own memories, and not at the bank but under the tiles, as it were.

And here's a surprise – more good news! The political advertisements have finally descended to the radio, and high time too. Appropriately located on the Second Channel, they come in instalments, also very appropriate: before the morning children's programme, after the 2 p.m. afternoon news, and again after the Economics Magazine.

I tried to keep track of this mix one electrified day last week, and ended up convinced that the Likud wipes cleaner and more sudsing sparklingly, and besides tastes delicious in seven fruity flavours. Children cry for it and the sugar-coating is so good for the teeth, and you may also win a free trip abroad and a car as well. The Alignment, by contrast, polishes as it cleans, and you can throw away the diapers, which keep the air cool and also come in lemon, lime, and raspberry.

The Likud jingle-tune, in the Sousa style, is carefully contrived to make us feel lacking in patriotism if we don't fall into step right then and there. The words, however! A key phrase is "The Likud – is mel!" (which should, I know, be translated as "I." But let's be faithful to the original vowels).

Now, what I am anxious to know is: how many people were struck, as though by a wet towel, by the dupli-

## People of the jingle

LISTENING IN/Helga Dudman

ity of this "Likud is mel!" bit? Because if anybody has driven a huge wedge between the interests of the individual and the interests of the state (assuming there is some identification between party and nation), it is the Likud, and much of the rest of their arguments serve only to underline this. "I'm all right, Ya'acov! We've never had it so good! I used to be threadbare and never went abroad – but look at all this money I've got!" These messages were delivered, in the first Likud instalment I heard, by a host of unidentified voters, carefully balanced for accent, sex, and age.

There wasn't the slightest reference to the state of this threadbare nation. TV showed very quick shots of throbbing industry – but not a statistic about the pumping of dollars into the economy. You can't show happy industrial workers on the radio, so we continued to hear about how we, as individuals, never had it so good. And who is going to broadcast a hollow voice of the general economy saying "Oof! I never had it so bad!" For further details, I refer to Yigael Hurwitz, who is impeccable on the liberated areas but an old grump on the economy.

Because these Likud boosters were unidentified, they might as well have been Habimah extras, or for all I know just one Habimah actor with a wide range of character voices. They told us that the Ma'arach would bring a recession, that Shamir the workers would suffer, that Shamir was a real leader who knew what he wanted.

NEXT CAME a short segment for Lova Eliav, painfully intelligent by comparison, with an Eretz Yisrael song (no words) and carefully identified constituents – a woman from Or Akiva, a Mapam academic. For balance, Tehiya – front-marchers in the Zionist Camp, with a thump, thump patriotic song, and Yuval Ne'eman, who shares with Moshe Arens that veneer of restrained academic rationalism. What we miss with Tehiya on the radio is that poster of the late left-winger as a boy, whose family is trying, apparently unsuccessfully, to prevent the use of his picture by the right wing. Don't they have a single good-looking boy around?

The Alignment jingle-tune seems to me pretty sophisticated, with a certain restrained understatement (though that may not be worth much these days) and carefully measured portions of fatefulness, intensity, and of course rhythm.

The Alignment identifies their testimonial givers, and to a man they are Newly Labour, given to saying "we have sinned, but we see the error of our ways. We won't do it again – that is, vote Likud." This is all perfectly sensible, but some of the Ma'arach's economic messages are silly – who cares about inflation and high prices? It's all relative.

The Likud is correct in emphasizing that the individual has never had it so good (except, of course, before the bank shares collapsed, and always excepting a few weak groups like pensioners with no added sources of income). Prices leap up,

but the wads of money in peoples' pockets get thicker and thicker, and I have yet to meet anyone – even from "difficult" neighbourhoods in a town like Tiberias – who can be impressed by the phrase "it's hard to finish the month." What people do now is simply pay cash for services costing many, many thousands – another reason why tax income is down. But me – I've never had it so good!

The 100 per cent unanimity among testimonialists in both camps is hardly a mirror of reality; but we are used to

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Zubin Mehta conducting with Itzhak Perlman, violin (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, June 26). Webern: *Pasacaglia for Orchestra*, Op. 1; Mendelssohn: *Violin Concerto in E minor*; Dvorak: *Symphony No. 7*.

BECAUSE OF Perlman's temporary indisposition, he had to cancel the performance that had been announced of the Goldmark violin concerto, and give us instead a deeply unmeasured rendering of Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto*. This is not to say that the cancelled Goldmark concerto is such a valuable part of the violin repertoire. Despite Mendelssohn's relative shallowness, there can be no doubt of the superiority of his concert. However, it's in danger of becoming quite hackneyed. Perlman's difficulties are appreciated but it is regrettable that the IPO could not provide any kind of announcement of the change of programme, not even in the form of a verbal explanation or of a correction in the programme of the concert.

The concert opened with an impressive performance of Webern's famous Op. 1, the *Pasacaglia*.

IN SPITE of Perlman's great art, the following Mendelssohn concerto created a vacuum, so that the Dvorak symphony became the centre of the evening. It is one of the great Romantic symphonies, and it has a kind of uniqueness in its combination of the regional and the universal.

Mehta became a master of clarity: themes, texture, melodic line, above all rhythm, pulse, beat seemed to converge from all directions.

The emotional balance Mehta maintained seemed just as important. Everything was in its right place. There was vehemence without overmuch force. There was strong feeling but no hint of emotional confusion. The brilliant orchestral sound was the servant of the symphony, and never became an end in itself.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Zubin Mehta conducting with Itzhak Perlman, violin (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, July 2). Elgar: "In the South (Allegretto)," concert overture, Op. 59; Bruch: *Concerto No. 1 in G minor for violin and orchestra*, Op. 26; Mozart: *Symphony No. 41 in C Major ("Jupiter")*, K. 551; Prokofiev: "Death of Tybalt" from "Romeo and Juliet," Op. 64.

ALTHOUGH a great vocal-instrumental work creating a really festive atmosphere would have been more appropriate for the closing event of the IPO's 1983/4 season, this was a good concert, well played, with conductor Mehta, the orchestra and soloist Itzhak Perlman in the highest spirits.

Probably owing to unforeseen circumstances, Perlman had to change the programme again and, instead of giving us the great Beethoven concerto, we got the somewhat mediocre Bruch. But we soon forgot its mediocrity. Perlman attained incredible heights of beauty, giving us an unforgettable display of intrinsic, inner richness, a truly glorious violin sound and overpowering musical expression.

Mehta opened the concert with Elgar's rarely performed "In the South," inspired by a vacation in the sun-bathed south of Italy. Nevertheless, with the possible exception of the lyrical slow middle section, Elgar could not get rid of his bombastic *Pomp and Circumstance* style with its loudness and plenty of heavy brass. Nonetheless, the piece was great fun and provided amusing en-

## Changed programme

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tainment.

Mozart's magnificent symphony No. 41 should, of course, have been the centre of the programme. But, surprisingly, Mehta suddenly and strangely withdrew, and what emerged seemed an inexplicably pale interpretation. I put no blame whatsoever on the orchestra, which was eager and willing to give of its best at this last concert, but Mehta withheld, pushing the orchestra back into a self-imposed restraint. The result was a diminished version of the symphony and a serious loss of the significance of Mozart's ideas. The performance remained on one level, and the triumphant victory mood was completely lost.

The subject of death does not seem an ideal choice for the closing of a season, but Prokofiev's brilliant piece somehow succeeded in recapturing the spirit and atmosphere of the opening piece. Everybody seemed to be in an exalted mood, and the orchestra played with remarkable enthusiasm, charisma and excitement.

THE ISRAEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: with the Monteverdi Choir, Hamburg; Jürgen Jürgens conducting; soloists: Cilla Grossmeyer, soprano; Wilfried Jochens, tenor; Assen Yavlov, bass; Werner Kaufmann, organ (Tel Aviv Museum, June 30). An Offenbach Evening: excerpts from "Orpheus in the Underworld", "La Vie Parisienne", "La Perichole", "La Belle Helene", "Gaieté Parisienne" (by Mameel Rosenthal after Offenbach).

MUCH HAS ALREADY been said and written about the Monteverdi Choir, and it is not easy to produce a new series of superlatives.

What strikes one immediately is the almost inexplicable ease and complete naturalness with which this choir sings. Whether it is a highly expressive lyrical passage, a strict rhythmic, syllabic choral texture or a complicated leading and crossing of voices, the effort of vocal production never gives the impression of being an effort. This applies even to the most problematic combination.

So much for texture. What about dynamics? Jürgen Jürgens plays his "instrument" like some kind of electronic device. The smallest movement of his hand or finger, even the raising of an eyebrow, regulates the choir's dynamics. He makes a sudden change from the most beautiful *pianissimo* to a shattering *fortissimo* seem the easiest thing to do. The choir reacts to him instantly. The same goes for tempo, the articulation of sound, expression, and all the other components of interpretation.

This magnificent relationship between conductor and choir is more than the result of training and vocal ability: it emanates from the deep and moving identification of each choir member with the music.

The audience is given no respite from the need to listen attentively, to absorb, to digest, to understand. The Monteverdi Choir is no less an emotional than an intellectual experience.

In comparison to the overwhelming spiritual beauty and musical complexity of Monteverdi's *Vespers*, Bruckner's two early works, the Requiem of 1849 and the mass (1854) seem less interesting and compell-

dollar – and yes, soon in Israel, Mickey Mouse frozen on a stick. The Likud gave us Eliahu Ben-Ezissar, but somehow, on the radio, when he knows that we're not seeing his pretty beard, the act just doesn't get together.

The equivalent advantage is that you don't see the actors: no, not a single one of those gleaming teeth, so you don't have to sit and stare and wonder how much each of us is paying for that left molar, that right one.

Well, well: the electricity has just come back on, and the refrigerator is humming a happy, apologetic little buzz.

But why in the world do they black out the poor old Voice of Music? Because its listeners are known to be impervious to advertisements, and

because it is therefor always adless? And so it's not where the money is?

The next morning I tore myself away from Alex Ansky just in time for Victor Tamar's list on Channel Two. With his frontal attack on the country's disasters, he is a much better performer than all the actors put together.

Tamar completely spoiled the atmosphere and stole the show from young smoothie Ehud Olmert, who followed with the Likud's act, and who had the incredibly bad judgement to accuse the Alignment of disunity and intrigues, and with personal attacks at the level of "Navon is ideologically close to Yossi Sarid."

For effectiveness in debate, I'd bet on Tamar over Olmert, degrees and all. Or as *Variety* might say, "Vic mixes Lik's tricks."

ger confidence and better motivation made for a spirited performance. The orchestra seemed better balanced, and this must have resulted from thorough preparation, which was evident in the spirited presentation of the two Stravinsky Suites for Chamber Orchestra. Originally written as piano duets, the short pieces that make up the suites constitute a variety of dances full of flavour. Some are humorous and satirical.

The Beethoven Triple Concerto was given an accurate reading. Menahem Breuer's tone was clear and pleasant. Alexander Volkov played the piano part with style but was somehow a little restrained: the performance of Marcel Bergman the cellist was spirited and his tone was warm and deep. There was an occasional lack of synchronization between the soloists and the accompanying orchestra.

Urs Schneider ended the programme and the season with Franck's Symphony. His tempi were somewhat too brisk in the faster sections of the work, in building climaxes and avoiding unnecessary pathos. Something was lacking of the reflectiveness that, together with the storminess, provides the emotional content. However, there was a great deal of expressiveness in the slow parts. The performance was warmly applauded by the audience.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Zubin Mehta, conducting; with Mira Zakai, contralto, the Tel Aviv Philharmonic Choir, directed by Michael Shani and "Pa'ummanit" Chelava's Choir, directed by Elia Janger (Haifa, Auditorium, June 25). Mahler: *Symphony No. 3 in D Minor*.

IT IS NOT an easy task to listen to Mahler's Third Symphony – more than 100 minutes long – which was performed without a break. In this case, a preparatory lecture before the concert would have been a real help towards a better understanding and more active listening.

There was something for everyone in the mostly absorbing presentation of this large, late-romantic work, from epic noisy marches and folk songs to pastoral description of nature and evocation of creation.

Mahler's Third, with its overwhelmingly rich orchestral texture, is demanding – technically, physically and emotionally.

Zubin Mehta offered a competent performance, and his identification with the music's intensity and contrasting moods was convincing. The orchestra was in fine shape, displaying a full range of sound and a fine ability to gradually build up the intensity and climaxes. There were many good solo parts, which were played with devotion.

The two short vocal movements diffused the homogeneity of the symphony, adding new dimensions. Mira Zakai was convincing in her musical interpretation of the short "Midnight Song" from Nietzsche's "Thus Spoke Zarathustra." Her voice was warm and deep, and her diction very clear. The choir, too, acquitted themselves well.

Conductor, soloist, orchestra and choir are to be commended for a praiseworthy presentation that fully deserved the standing ovation they received.

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## HIGH-TECHNOLOGY COMING OF AGE

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU  
THE RECENTLY held Jerusalem Economic Conference and the success of Isratech are testimonies of the coming of age of this country's industrial sector and, more specifically, of its high-technology industries.

Visitors were told that the metals and electronic sectors alone would account for \$1.6 billion this year and some \$5b. by the end of the decade. While in the past official predictions have tended to be on the rosy side, in the case of high-technology exports, the results—if we are to judge by past performance—can be attainable.

Along with the willingness of importers to buy our high-technology goods is the more recent trend towards partnerships and the assumption of full responsibility for the creation of subsidiaries of American companies. Two such companies which have come on the local scene include Intel Corporation and National Semiconductor Corporation. The two have earmarked some \$200m. for investment in the manufacturing of computer parts.

Intel is active in microcomputer chip development, which includes the development of microprocessor and peripheral chips. Taking advantage of this country's strength in the field of software, the company is also active in the specification, design and implementation of software products.

Another outstanding example is the case of the American AVX Corporation which has established AVX Israel Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary. The American firm is ranked as the world's leading manufacturer

of multi-layer ceramic capacitors for applications with integrated circuits. The local subsidiary has set up an R & D programme for the next few years which will be in the order of \$3.5m. Some of the know-how the company will use in developing technology for manufacturing capacitors will be drawn from local technological institutions—chief of which is the Institute for Applied Research of the Hebrew University.

AVX Israel will serve as a bridge between local technological expertise and the American firm's experience in the mass production of capacitors. The development of new capacitor production technology should lead to a miniaturization of the components and to a major reduction in their unit cost. The company moved a year-and-a-half ago into its own 16,000-sq.-ft. premises in Jerusalem, and is well into the second year of an estimated four-year research and development programme.

"We selected Israel because of the country's abundance of highly trained scientists, engineers, and technicians, necessary for the programmes AVX Israel will be engaging in," says Marshall D. Butler, president of AVX Corporation. "In addition, AVX was able to sign a mutually advantageous agreement with the Israeli government, providing attractive R & D support for our company."

If one wants to look for a subsidiary of an American company in Israel which has a well-proven track record, one can point to Vishay Israel Ltd., subsidiary of Vishay Inter-Technology Inc., and manu-



Computer-controlled lathe (Keren)

facturer of precision resistors, trimmers, potentiometers and precision resistive networks. Vishay Israel Ltd. is now celebrating its 15th year with nearly all of its production being exported. Last year's sales were in the order of \$10m., and the company employs some 400 personnel.

An even greater success has been achieved by Motorola Israel Ltd., which has been active in the field of communications since 1948. The local entity is owned by the American Motorola Inc.

Local research and development activities in the field of biotechnology not only have drawn attention to the scientific community, but also have resulted in direct investments. The First Mississippi Corporation, together with the International Genetic Sciences Inc. and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, established the International Genetic Sci-

ences Partnership. BioTechnology General Ltd. (BTG) was founded by Adler & Co. which has been active in investments in the local high-technology field. BTG's innovative work is in the field of gene splicing.

The BIRD Foundation co-invests with joint US Israeli teams in the development of technical products and processes which will ultimately lead to growth in sales and earnings.

One of these projects was co-partnered by Cardio Pet Inc. and Teva Pharmaceuticals. The object of the project was to do a market survey on American dairy farms to determine whether the further development and registration of a drug (in the U.S.) which cures milk disease in cows is justifiable. Another BIRD project is being carried out by the American Grumman Data Systems Co. and the local CASA Ltd., a large computer software concern.

Kinneret Engineering Co. in the United States has partnered with the Israeli Galcom Co. of Kfar Blum. The local concern specialized in the development and production of specialized irrigation components for consumer and commercial applications.

Also in the agro-technology field, Hays Equipment Co. of Georgia is cooperating with TMB Ltd., a subsidiary of Elbit Computers. The latter specializes in the production of fertilizer pumps which run on normal water pressure and meter fertilizer solution. Also, Kithley Instruments of Cleveland, Ohio, one of a small group of prestigious instrument companies, has partnered with Tabor Electronics Ltd. Tabor is a manufacturer of digital testing and measurement equipment.

## TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW

### Another rally attempt turns sour

By PINHAS LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There was plenty of action once again on the share market last week, but the outcome was not positive. The "bears" triumphed yet again, as the "bulls" could not make the gains made in mid-week stock, and the market ended the week on a downward note, with the assumption of more falls to come.

The five trading sessions fell into three distinct parts. On Sunday, the market was totally dull, with a very small volume and a tendency to lower prices. On Sunday evening the news broke of the intention to abolish the 2 per cent levy on sales purchases which has been in force for two years and was one of the measures taken by then-Finance Minister Yoram Aridor to raise extra revenue as a result of the needs arising from the Lebanon war.

The "Peace for Galilee" levy, as it was called, raked in enormous sums until the share market collapsed and died in the course of 1983. In recent months, with volume dwindling to ever-lower amounts, the revenue value of the levy fell, and the political and psychological value of its abolition rose, since such a step would be regarded as a shot-in-the-arm for the flagging capital market, without costing the government much money.

Thus the abolition was widely expected, and had been rumoured and predicted often in the last three months. Nevertheless, the timing came as a surprise, since the finance minister threw it in with the Knesset package of election goodies that he presented on Monday. The share market reacted very positively to the news.

On Monday and Tuesday prices rose very sharply, with "buyers only" situations numbering 62 and 42, and many other shares rising by 5 per cent or more. On both days, advancing issues—at about 360 a day—were nine times the number of falling ones.

Volume on the share market rose dramatically, too, but herein lay the Achilles heel of the brief rally, and the seeds of its failure. The increase in turnovers was limited almost entirely to the "arrangement" bank group, which concentrated up to 75 per cent of the total share volume. The "free" share market never got past the IS250 million level, and thus maintained its inability to decisively break out of the narrow trading volume range which has been around \$1m. for several months.

What was indicated was that the rises were no more than the quick reactions of the trading fraternity, who hastily sought to load up with stock, in expectation of the imminent return of the broader investing public to the market. This development failed to transpire, and the stage was set for stage three of the trading week.

On Wednesday, it became clear that no general rush for shares was underway, and the early birds of the previous days began unloading their holdings. There was still enough buying interest to maintain the positive tone, but it was a much more mixed market than on the two preceding days.

By Thursday, the game was up, and the market "headed south," as the professional jargon has it. Losers outnumbered gainers, and the gains began to erode, if not disappear completely.

During the week, the bond market had remained strangely quiescent, excepting gains in the dollar-linked

sector earlier in the week. There has now developed a significant gap between where the bond market should be, in terms of the rate of inflation so far this year, and where it actually is, with the latter being 10-15 per cent below the former (depending on the June index, to be announced in one week's time).

This phenomenon, which by itself gives the lie to any claims by the government to having succeeded in "calming" the atmosphere of panic that is evident among the public, through the adoption of the "law to protect savings," is easily explained by reference to the remaining side of the "external triangle" of investment opportunities in Israel—the foreign currency market.

Despite the fact that the "black" or free dollar price slumped last week almost as quickly as it had risen, the main focus of public interest is undoubtedly the foreign currency market—specifically, the U.S. dollar. So great is the demand for dollars in every form, that the banking system is already, within a few days of the beginning of the month, and despite the unprecedentedly vast amount of government printing of money, suffering liquidity deficits, as shchel deposits are wiped out and placed in dollar-linked deposits.

In sum, with two weeks to go until the elections, the outlook for shchel investments, in both the share and bond markets, remains bleak for the short term. Optimists still hold out the hope that when a firm government is formed and whatever measures must be taken are finally taken, the uncertainty will clear and rational investment decisions will again become possible. This week's false start shows that, when that time comes, the potential for gains is nothing short of breathtaking.

## WALL STREET WEEK

### Investment markets signal both high and low inflation

NEW YORK (AP).—The various investment markets seem to be predicting both high inflation and low inflation for the economy.

If you happen to look first at the bond market, you can see lofty long-term interest rates and depressed prices that signal fears of a resurgence in the cost of living index.

If, instead, you look at the commodities markets, you find depressed prices that signal expectations of little or no inflation in the visible future.

Confused? So are many followers of the stock market who are busy trying to make sense of the contradictory trends.

Many experienced stock traders and analysts have schooled themselves never to argue with the message a market sends out. They operate on the theory that if a given market appears to be foreshadowing

some future event with great conviction, it is probably right.

But in the current circumstances, it is logical to conclude that both the high-inflation and low-inflation camps can't be correct.

One of the most widely watched barometers of inflationary expectations, the price of gold, took a steep drop to two-year lows late last week. Stocks of mining and metals companies such as Asarco, Homestake, Phelps Dodge and Sunshine Mining all hit the new-low list for the past 52 weeks in trading of the New York Stock Exchange issues.

At the same time, the U.S. government reported an unexpectedly large drop in the civilian unemployment rate, to 7.1 per cent in June from 7.5 per cent the month before. That news, interpreted as evidence that the economy was still "too strong," drove bond prices lower.

### Self-employed v. worker, who takes home more money?

By MACABEE DEAN,  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The self-employed person making the same profit as the wage of a salaried worker has less take-home pay at the end of the month than the worker, according to figures recently released by the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce.

According to information provided by the federation, a worker earning IS262,600 a month has a take-home pay of IS140,831, while the self-employed with the same income takes home only IS80,055.

The figures show that the worker pays IS93,045 in income tax, but gets a IS2,000 rebate if he has a provident fund. He also pays IS11,029 to the National Insurance Institute. If he has a provident fund requiring payments of IS67,837 a month, he only contributes IS19,695, while his employer pays the rest. All these deduc-

tions leave him, as noted, with a take-home pay of IS140,831.

The self-employed pays the same IS93,045 in income tax. He receives a IS7,600 rebate for joining a provident fund. But his payment for National Insurance is IS48,997, due to a tax of which he receives back IS19,734 as a tax rebate. This leaves him with IS147,892.

If he pays into a provident fund in the same amount as the wage earner, he has to pay the entire IS67,837 from his pocket. This leaves him with a take-home pay of IS80,055.

However, the chartered accountant making the calculation for the federation, notes that most self-employed don't take out such a large amount of coverage in a provident fund—if they belong to one at all. This, of course, greatly increases their take-home pay, but will leave them without any social security in their old age.

## Controversy over ad for water filter

TEL AVIV. — Two government-official bodies are at odds over a television advertisement dealing with water filters.

Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Yacobovitch said his company is demanding that the Israel Building Centre cancel its advertisement showing the use of home water filters. He claims that the advertisement is full of untruths and misleads the public.

"Our water in Israel is under close inspection by experts, and even by world standards it is believed to be of good quality. There is no need to subject it to any extra purification," the spokesman says.

He added that persons who install such filters, which are not suitable for Israel and which have not undergone the tests of the Israel Centre for Water Installations, can cause damage and even cause the quality of the water to drop instead of improving it.

Yacobovitch said that the water commissioner, Zvi Yishai, has also asked the Israel Building Centre to discontinue the advertisement.

CLUBS. — Two new soldiers' clubs, built with funds raised during the recent Shirutim campaign, was opened last week, the Soldiers Welfare Association has announced. The money for one was contributed by Kipat Holim Clalit workers, for the other by workers at Rafael, the Weapons Development Authority, Rafael.

## Elron operational profits up 57%

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU  
TEL AVIV. — Elron Electronic Industries, a high-technology holding company, in its financial results for the year ended March 31, 1984, showed consolidated revenues of \$125.4 million compared with \$94m. the year before. The net after-tax profit from consolidated operations climbed to \$9.4m., from \$6m., an increase of nearly 57 per cent.

Earnings per share were \$0.90, up from \$0.65 a year earlier, an increase of 38.5 per cent. As a holding company Elron also shows in its financial reports the premium of shares from the issuance of shares by subsidiaries and affiliates.

A milestone in Elron's development was the public offering by Fibronics in the U.S. in October 1983. Fibronics is one of a number of new high-technology companies founded by Elron in recent years.

## Mishkan Mortgage expands its services

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mishkan, the mortgage bank subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim, has more than doubled the number of bank branches through which it provides its services. From this month, 80 of the Bank Hapoalim branches throughout the country will be able to arrange mortgage loans and advise customers on the mortgage market, including loans available to olim.

Hitherto, this service was available in only 39 Hapoalim branches, but to these have been added many more in small towns and settlements. The number of branches where

"rapid attention" to loan requests is available has also been increased, to fifteen. This service, which is designed to enable completion of loan procedures "on the same day," hitherto available only at the head office in Tel Aviv, can now be obtained at Hapoalim branches in the four main cities, as well as in Petah Tikva, Netanya, Ashdod, Eilat and other towns.

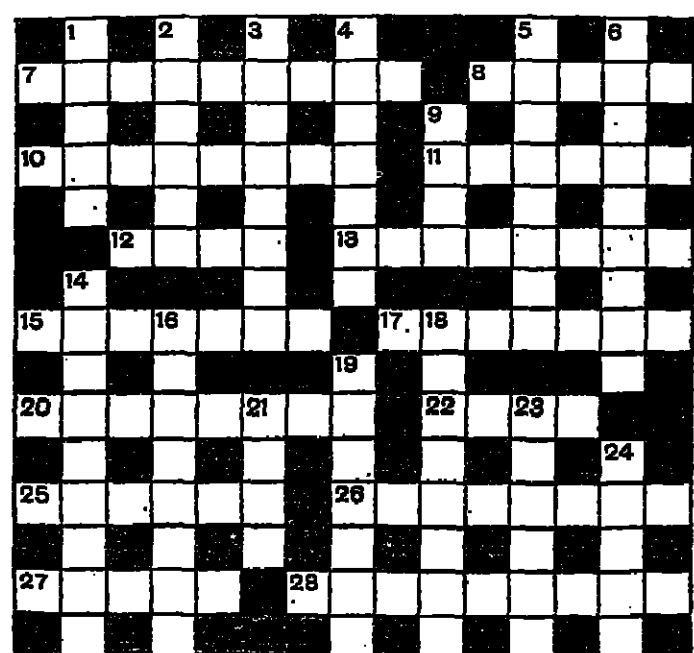
This broadening of services is designed to push Mishkan into the front rank of mortgage banks by enabling it to give more rapid service to customers, both preferred groups such as young couples and olim, and regular mortgage seekers.



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# Sports

## Mighty Martina subdues Lloyd's memorable challenge

**Post Sports Staff**  
The century women's championships at Wimbledon was marked by a match to savour for another 100 years as the written off "old-lady" Chris Evert Lloyd produced a gallant bid to unseat the seemingly invincible Martina Navratilova as the world champion.  
Although eventually beaten 7-6, 6-2 in yesterday's women's singles final Lloyd not only produced a mighty performance herself but compelled her opponent to reach a level of tennis never before attained by any woman player.  
Lloyd came out cracking against an unusually anchored Navratilova—searching for her third successive title—and moved into a 3-0 lead. Then came a crucial moment. Navratilova managed to steady her nerves, produce some of her scintillating drives and amazing stretch volleys, and bounce back to reduce the score to 1-3.  
She then moved into top gear in the department that was to finally decide the issue—her superior service. At five critical junctures she lashed out unstoppable aces all down the centre line or else hammered in near unreturnable serves into the far corner.  
Unreturnable indeed against anyone else but Lloyd in this superb form.  
Both women displayed astonishing athleticism running metres across court to retrieve impossible returns. At one point having crossed five times and finally landing up at net when Lloyd's drop shot landed just a centimetre wide of the baseline, the exhausted Navratilova called in an exhausted voice to the official "Couldn't you have made the call earlier?"  
She fought her way back to level at 4-4 and some might have been for-

## Martina: Anything I can do, they can...

**WIMBLEDON (AP).**—Martina Navratilova says that anything she can do, other women players can do just as well—with a little more effort.  
Following her win over Chris Lloyd, Navratilova was asked how much her powerful physique contributed to her success. "There are plenty of other players who are bigger than me," the 27-year-old Czech-born naturalized American replied.  
"They are all capable of doing the thing I do. They can go out and run on the track, lift weights, play basketball, eat the right foods—which helps—and practise three or four hours a day."  
Navratilova's 7-6, 6-2 victory in 84 minutes was her fifth Wimbledon singles crown and her third in a row. She has lost only two matches in the past two years.  
"I was gifted 10 years ago. I was gifted five years ago, but I didn't do much with it. Nobody complained then. Suddenly I started winning and everybody is saying I'm too strong, too fast. They've got legs too. It's time for them to start working and raise their game. I just work harder at it."  
Explaining her recent domination of women's tennis, Navratilova continued: "Years ago, I was doing the same as everybody else, using the tournaments to get into shape. Then I started rethinking and started working out before the tournaments. It paid off."  
"The fact people say I'm too strong just doesn't hold water," she said.  
"When it got to the tiebreaker, I was just happy to be there. She had been zeroing in on me and my first serve in those opening games was pathetic. I haven't seen Chris move as well for a long time. The last few

## Dutch quarrel lets in French cyclist

**NANTES (Reuter).**—Bitter rivalry between two Dutch teams which has helped unknown Frenchman Vincent Bartau to lead the Tour de France cycle race gave another French rider, Pascal Jules, the opportunity to snatch a stage win in Friday's leg.  
Jules raced away from the leading group over the last three kilometres of the 192km, eighth leg from Le Mans to Nantes to win by nine seconds.  
The Dutch teams—Panasonic, managed by Peter Post, and Kwan-

## All set for today's titanic clash

**LONDON (Reuter).**—The ticket touts outside Wimbledon are demanding £500 a ticket for today's men's singles final between John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors—and those who can afford it are happy to pay up.  
The final is like one of the heavyweight boxing battles between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier, a clash of Titans no one wants to miss.  
In one corner there is the ever-popular Connors, the people's champion. Approaching 32, he can expect the backing of the vast majority of the 13,000 centre court crowd as he bids for his third Wimbledon title. Five times champion of the U.S. and ranked third in the world, Connors is the court jester of the game and the odd indiscretion is quickly forgiven by his adoring Wimbledon following.  
In the other corner is McEnroe, Wimbledon champion in 1981 and 1983, winner of the U.S. title from 1979-81 and, at the age of 25, the world's undisputed No. 1. McEnroe and Wimbledon have never quite hit it off, even though this year he has been as good as his word and let his racket do the talking. To British fans he remains the brash New Yorker, a spoiled child whose bottom lip begins to tremble every time he is thwarted.  
McEnroe's image is not helped by the fact that he makes tennis look a ridiculously easy game. His short backswing and lazy volleys, which he slaps rather than punches, have no place in the coaching manuals and the overall impression, wrong though it is, is one of arrogance.  
Connors, by contrast, is the battle-scarred alley cat. Every shot is punctuated with a grunt of effort and every match is fought out until he drops. He will also have sentiment on his side. Approaching the end of a glittering career, Connors goes into battle as the underdog, and there has never been a more popular breed at Wimbledon.  
Although Connors leads 2-1 in their Wimbledon encounters, McEnroe leads Connors 14-12 overall and he has won their last five meetings. He admitted he will face a problem when he said: "I'm sure Jimmy loves the position he's in because he is under no pressure and knows he has a chance. He loves to be counted out because he always comes back and proves people wrong."  
Such was the case in Friday's semi-final against French Open champion Ivan Lendl, who had inflicted a humiliating 6-0, 6-0 defeat on Connors in the Tournament of Champions at Forest Hills in May.  
Connors won the semi-final battle of determination and endurance over Lendl to reach the singles final for the sixth time. "The pugilistic American fought back for the loss of the first set on a tie-break to outlast the bigger, stronger and younger French Open champion 7-6, 3-7, 7-5, 6-1 in just under three hours on court."  
After the first set looked like becoming a war of attrition with everything seeming to favour Lendl—but under the remorseless and efficient shotmaking of the 1974 and 1982



LOVES A CHALLENGE: Jimmy Connors lunges dramatically for a return on route to his magnificent four-set victory in the semi-finals over Ivan Lendl.

champion, it was Lendl who wilted. Near the end of the third set his legs were wobbly and after he lost that set his game disintegrated.  
"The days of practising for three or four hours a day are behind me," said Connors afterwards.  
On the other hand, Lendl noted: "I have been practising for this tournament about five or six hours a day."  
To compensate for what he lacks in youth, Connors conserves his energy for the big matches. It was his opponent, seven years younger, whose legs gave way first in temperatures nearly 30°C.  
Lendl served up 19 aces in the gruelling test of wills, but Connors' return was more than his equal. He alternately smashed forehand and backhand service returns down the line and across the court and attacked Lendl at the net, on occasion leaving the Czech flat-footed and staring in disbelief.  
Connors was warned for unsportsmanlike behaviour in the ninth game when his first serve at 15-0 in the opening set was called long and he held his nose to indicate disapproval.  
After the warning, Connors stormed up to umpire Malcolm Huntington and said: "I was scratching my nose." Moments later, Connors used his racket handle to scratch his nose. The crowd roared its approval.  
After the game, Connors approached Huntington and was heard to say: "Just relax up there and do your job... If I hold my nose"—he did so again—"that means you stink. If you don't want to do your job... Just let me know and I'll quit."  
The defending champion meanwhile survived a temporary loss of form in mid-match before beating Australian teenager Pat Cash to join

## Row as new cap quits tennis team

**By JACK LEON**  
**Post Sports Reporter**  
**TEL AVIV.**—Israel's Federation Cup tennis team left for France on Friday without Ilana Berger, after the 18-year-old new cap had quit the squad in disgust at what she called the Israeli Tennis Association's shameful mismanagement of the selection procedure, which turned the whole thing into a farce.  
The team which finally left comprised Orly Bialostocki and Rakafet Binyamin, both 20, and Sagit Doron, 19, along with their coach Yitzhak Parmet. Binyamin and Doron are both members of Hapoel Tel Aviv, while Bialostocki—like Berger—belongs to Maccabi Tzafon, Tel Aviv. This week, they are competing in the annual team championships for girls under-21 in Le Touquet, before going on to Sao Paulo, Brazil, for the July 15 to 23 Federation Cup tournament there.  
Mexican-born Berger said on Friday that six weeks ago she had been selected by the ITA to play with four other girls in trial matches for the trip, with the three with the best results being named for the Federation Cup—popularly known as the

## Yanks take belting from Twins

**NEW YORK (AP).**—Kent Hrbek's mammoth three-run homer into the upper deck of the Metrodome capped a seven-run fifth inning as Minnesota belted the New York Yankees 9-4 as a centerpiece of Friday night's American League basketball action.  
Frank Viola, 9-7, earned his fifth consecutive victory and scattered 12 hits for his fifth complete game.  
Hrbek, who drove in four runs with three of the Twin's 17 hits, slammed his 11th homer of the season 449 feet into the right field upper deck. Hrbek has hit six of the 22 home runs hit in the Metrodome's upper deck since it opened three years ago.  
Tony Arana extended his hitting streak to a career-high 19 games with his 22nd homer and Boston held off California 8-7.  
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## Been shrugs off reduced handicap

**CAESAREA.**—The indefatigable Effie Been brushed off the challenge of the local golf club committee who had reduced his handicap from eight to five because of his wonderful play last weekend. The Herzliya golfer responded to the cut by dominating Friday's individual stroke play tournament here and won again, this time with a 3-under-par 71 net.  
Saturday's parallel event was won by David Adler of Haifa with a 67 net.  
Rachamim Assayag, 16, of Or Akiva, leaves for San Diego this week to represent Israel in the Junior world championships. He is sponsored by the Israel Golf Union and Golf.  
The 72-hole Israel Open takes place this week over four days from Tuesday through Friday. Players with single-figure handicaps are eligible to compete with the two top Israeli finishers selected to play for Israel in the preliminaries of the World Cup in Ireland in September.

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### Netanya sparkle, Betar in doldrums

**Post Sports Staff**  
Maccabi Netanya stormed to another victory, 2-1 over visiting Admira of Vienna, to take a commanding lead into the next round of the round-robin Interotto summer soccer competition.  
Netanya's victory yesterday over the Austrians establishes them firmly at the top of the four-team table. But the other Israeli entrant Betar Jerusalem sustained yet another drubbing, going down 3-0 to Wittingen of Switzerland.

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## Strange allies

NECESSITY often creates strange allies. That certainly applies to small, isolated states like Israel without an abundance of friends since its inception.

One area in which Israel often did not have much of a choice was the need to find customers for its growing, independent weapon industry. To make the manufacture of modern, high-technology weapons viable, a small country like Israel could not rely on its own increasing requirements.

As Israel's weapons industry grew into manufacturing sophisticated jet fighter aircraft, missiles, guns and electronic equipment, it had to find new markets to make the costly production process worthwhile.

As a result, Israel-made weapons often found their way to regimes which Israel would not exactly have chosen as its friends and allies. Such digressions were often explained as a move necessary to keep up Israel's high military posture — a need dictated by its surrounding enemies.

But during recent years there have been increasing reports, official and unofficial, that Israel was sharing its military and intelligence experience, particularly in fighting terrorism, with other, often not friendly countries.

One such recent case was the opening of an Israeli interest section at the U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka with the declared intent of helping the otherwise not friendly Sri Lanka regime in its fight against the terror actions of the Tamil minority underground. This move which was officially announced both in Jerusalem and in Colombo was accompanied by vociferous protests of Sri Lanka's Arab and other Moslem friends, as well as by the entire Tamil population, both in Sri Lanka and in southern India.

To justify the move, Sri Lanka's foreign minister stated that his government would make a pact even with the devil in order to uproot the Tamil underground. There was not a word that Sri Lanka thought that after having suspended diplomatic relations with Israel 14 years ago the time had come to renew them. The long-term, and even short-term advisability and wisdom of this move are still being questioned by a number of senior Israeli officials who are closely familiar with the situation in Sri Lanka.

There have also been repeated reports that Israel is being involved in the military training and equipping of rival militias in various Central American countries. One such report claimed that Israel may take over the training of the anti-Sandinista rebels in Nicaragua, because of American political restraints to continue this task.

Meanwhile reports from London over the weekend state that two Israelis have been arrested on suspicion of having aided the kidnapping of a former Nigerian cabinet minister who was to be brought to Lagos for a show trial by Nigeria's military government. Both Israelis are reported to have been discovered in two crates with their Nigerian kidnappers, ready to be flown to Lagos on a Nigerian airliner on which they are said to have arrived in London two days earlier.

A prestigious London Sunday paper, *The Observer*, claims that both Israelis are former Mossad agents. Be that as it may, the very involvement of Israelis in such a criminal action, even in the role of mercenaries, should have been prevented at all costs. Even if some people may have thought that such collaboration by Israelis may carry favour with the Nigerian military regime, there must be a clear line beyond which no Israeli involvement in such dastardly acts can be tolerated.

Israel's image as an international mercenary could cause enormous damage which could take years to repair.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**PS** A CRATE full of Nazi memorabilia, including photo albums of Martin Bormann and Rudolf Hess, may be returned to West Germany after gathering dust for almost 40 years in a Canadian attic.

Julia Cundliffe, daughter of a Canadian army intelligence officer who sent home the crate after World War II, wants the collection returned. "After all, it's their heritage, not ours," she said. She said she plans to make a final decision shortly.

Before returning from Europe after the war, her father, Fred Schieser, sent a crate ahead with a warning that it should never be opened.

After he died, Cundliffe opened it and found hundreds of documents including signatures of Adolf Hitler, the calling card of his mistress Eva Braun, and photographs by official Nazi photographer Heinrich Hoffmann.

Cundliffe said her family would not keep any of the collection.

"We're just not that interested. If I could, I would like to keep Bormann's photo album. But I won't because I don't want to cause family problems."

**PS** VISITING a major American Jewish community recently, one of our colleagues was informed that the local newspaper was implacably hostile to Israel. Distressed to hear this, he asked to be shown an example of this hostility. He was shown the paper's editorial on the occasion of the recent Israeli independence day.

The editorial opened by noting that Israel was celebrating its independence, a democracy "in a region where democracies are scarce."

Israel, it was noted, had preserved its democracy — albeit like most democracies a flawed democracy — through crisis and war, and was to be congratulated on this.

It was, the editorial informed his readers, Israel's 36th birthday and this was an important number because 36 is twice 18, and 18 means *Hai* (life) in Hebrew.

"We too," he concluded, "wish Israel *LeChaim* (life) in its 36th year."

Our colleague was puzzled: what on earth was hostile in the editorial?

"They said the democracy was flawed!" raged his hosts.

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## BOMBS ON MAYORS

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jackpot when he was examining the garage. Ben-Bassat said, however, that as long as a sapper was only "scouting" the area, the standing instructions do not require him to wear the protective clothing.

Ben-Bassat was generally a confident witness, but he appeared unsettled and replied reluctantly when Rubin and Judge Eliahu Tal pressed him about Hirbawi's competence as a sapper. Ben-Bassat justified Hirbawi's indirect approach to the garage as consistent with a sapper's training and method of work. But he said that had Hirbawi used a probe or a dagger he might have detected the nylon wire which was attached to the garage door handle and to the detonating device of the charge. It was when he touched this trip-wire that he activated the bomb buried in the ground about 1½ metres in front of the garage door.

After examining all three bombs planted that day, June 2, 1980, Ben-Bassat said that it was clear that the saboteurs had acquired "superb information and intelligence" about their targets.

Neither his own technicians nor those of the mobile forensic laboratory were able to find traces of the arming or detonating devices used in any of the bombs, two of which were

planted in the cars of the former mayors of Nablus and Ramallah, Bassam Shak'a and Karim Khalaf, and the third outside Tawil's garage.

Stressing that he could only surmise, Ben-Bassat said that it appeared as if the bombs in the car were detonated by similar mechanisms with the trip-wire of transparent nylon fishing line anchored to a fixed object outside the car. When the car moved forward or backwards an electrical circuit or pyrotechnic fuse was detonated, setting off the larger charge.

At the beginning of Friday's proceedings, the court turned down a request from Rubin to hear two of the accused in the main terrorist trial, Menahem Livni and Yehuda Etzion, who are central witnesses in the trial of the officers.

Deputy state attorney Dorit Beinisch had argued earlier that there was no way under the law for these two witnesses to be heard in the officers' trial until they have been convicted or acquitted of the charges they are facing. Both are among the alleged leaders of the terrorist organization.

It is now expected that Livni and Etzion will be released from detention as soon as the current round of testimony in their trial is completed.

# Shamateurism — a political sport

By DAVID KRIVINE

THE ELECTION broadcasts on TV are confusing; everybody contradicts everybody else. Labour says that Likud is a catastrophe; Likud says Labour is a disaster. Many viewers will conclude that the truth lies in the middle — but closer to Labour than to Likud.

Five major topics are in dispute, four raised by the contending parties and one I would like to add. The additional topic concerns election politics.

Shimon Peres suggested a one-month election campaign. Yitzhak Shamir wanted six months, and compromise on four. Six months and four months are both dangerously long. The damaging results are visible, with a chaotic outbreak of labour strife.

Likud knew that a long interval, during which no government can govern, would cost the nation a fortune of money and would seriously aggravate the economic crisis. But they also thought that a pause of several months might improve their electoral prospects.

The benefit of possibly improving their electoral prospects outweighed in their mind the damage to the economy that would ensue from a lengthy delay. They put party before country, which is bad.

Next is inflation, running at 400 per cent per annum. Shamir dismisses this as a trifling shortcoming in an otherwise flawless performance. Labour propagandists go to the other extreme, describing the present economic situation as calamitous. That is an exaggeration (propagandists always exaggerate). The man-in-the-street does not see evidence of calamity around him. Nobody is hungry, nobody is unemployed.

ALL THIS bantering and satire in the media is amusing, but the country is in serious trouble and our public discussion should be in a fitting vein. So let's get down to basics.

One of the central weaknesses of the Israeli political system, or lack of it, is the concessions extracted by the minuscule parties from the major parties, because of the leverage given to the former by the coalition form of government. I have the solution.

Instead of either the Likud or Labour forming the government, with the aid of the NRP, Agudat Yisrael, Tehiya, Tami or Shinui, and then having the giants at the mercy of the merciless Lilliputians, why not do the whole thing the other way around? This is what I mean.

Let a group of small parties form the government with the aid of one or both of the large ones. For example, let there be a triumvirate of Agudat Yisrael, Tehiya and Rakah, with a total of 15 mandates, supported by 50 Labour votes. That gives us a respectable majority of 65. The government could then really rule.

Ah, but you say, there are several things to be afraid of.

What kind of extremist policies could we expect from these small parties? Why, Agudat Yisrael would devote fully one-half of the national budget to the yeshivot; Tehiya would devote the other half to settlements in Yehuda and Shomron; Rakah would abolish the Law of Return.

## READERS' LETTERS

### POLITICS AND THE ARTS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — With reference to several adverse comments in your columns about Anri Ma'ayani's misuse of his office as chairman of the Israeli League of Composers, I wish to inform you that, at the general assembly of the League which took place on June 12, Ma'ayani categorically denied having permitted the use of his title as chairman of the League in the Likud pamphlet in guise of a programme distributed at the concert at Hayarkon Park in Tel Aviv on May 31. Ma'ayani stated that this was done without his knowledge.

I am glad to report that the general assembly of the League adopted unanimously a ruling which expressly forbids any League member from using his status as such for political pronouncements.

MENACHEM AVIDOM,  
Honorary Chairman,  
Israeli League of Composers  
Tel Aviv.

### IRONY IN ADS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I was struck by the irony of the two large front-page advertisements of June 12 congratulating Mr. Martin Gehl, Chairman of the Board of Dubek, Ltd., on receiving the Industry Award for "life's work in the establishment and consolidation of the tobacco industry in Israel."

One wonders how Mr. Gehl, praised for "the benefit of his good counsel," for his concern for the "welfare of the staff" and "devotion to his families and children," must feel after a life associated with a product which has caused the premature deaths of tens of thousands of Israelis from heart attacks, lung cancer and emphysema.

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ployed, the shops are full of goods, the country is buzzing with prosperity.

Likud has mismanaged the economy all the same. Did not Labour do something similar in its day? Yes, it did, but there is a difference, big enough to be decisive. Under Labour the country was moving, however slowly, towards economic independence.

Under Likud the country is moving away from economic independence. Successive finance ministers have promised to reduce inflation. Inflation, has on the contrary, grown — so crazily as to be frightening. The monetary part of the government's economic policy is a fiasco.

INFLATION IS NOT a passing oversight easily corrected, as Shamir pretends. It is a raging fever, indicating a grave derangement of the system. We don't see the derangement, just as a spendthrift living a life of riotous self-indulgence doesn't see his overdraft piling up at the bank.

Anybody looking closely at the cost of Likud rule is in for a shock. Instead of devoting time to clearing up the mess we have made so that our children can start with a clear slate (and Labour tried to do that), the Likud administration has created more mess without restraint — and what they are handing over to our children doesn't bear thinking about.

On Lebanon, Labour says it was a waste of money, not to mention lives. Likud answers that it has brought a salutary respite to our northern settlements, saving them

from constant shelling.

If Yasser Arafat has tuned in to Likud's telecasts, he should be gratified at the discovery that residents of Metulla, Kiryat Shmona and elsewhere spent their entire lives in shelters and were driven to distraction by the unending ordeal.

We in Israel had the impression that the shelling was sporadic and that the army's counter-actions kept it broadly under control.

Leaving all that aside, can the Lebanese war be deemed, objectively speaking, a success or a failure? Labour had advocated a clearing-operation extending no more than 40 kilometres across Israel's borders. Likud went further, causing greater destruction — in order to achieve a more ambitious objective: to remove the PLO from Lebanon. They would ensure that Arafat's formations never would return by restoring Lebanese independence under Christian domination.

The PLO has indeed been removed from Lebanon, but not for good. They are creeping back already, bringing arms with them. We have failed to restore Christian domination, and we have failed to re-establish Lebanese independence.

The Syrians are in, the Moslems are in, the Christians are out and we are (three-quarters) out. Which leaves the question, what did the Begin-Sharon government achieve that could not have been achieved under the Labour plan — other than a vast amount of superfluous bloodshed?

NEXT IS MILITARY SECURITY. Yitzhak Rabin says the Jordan river

should be our border, Moshe Arens says the same. The difference is that Arens will keep 1.1 million Arabs inside that border against their will. Rabin wants them outside.

They would be better outside. The West Bank, except for the defence zones, should be offered to Hussein. This plan involves sacrifices by both Jews and Arabs. It is the only plan that makes sense.

It won't bring peace tomorrow, but it keeps the door open to peace. It permits Israel to remain a dominantly Jewish state. Those who reject it do so for exclusively mystic reasons (Hebrew is holy, Safed is holy, etc.).

Mysticism is wonderful if combined with common sense. Mysticism alone makes bad politics.

Finally, there is the topic of Jewish terrorism. It is to the credit of the Shamir cabinet that the alleged terrorist gang was tracked down, arrested and brought to trial. For one blessed moment it seemed as if extremist Revisionism was coming down to earth. Perhaps a government of national unity, based on a constructive alliance between Labour and Likud, might be feasible after all.

But then Shamir gave the public to understand that when the trial is over and the sentences delivered, the possibility of amnestying the offenders, in whole or in part, is not out of the question.

This shocking remark brings us back to our senses. It reminds us what are the ideological origins of Jewish terrorism. The accused and their families in the courtroom have

been protesting bitterly that their sin is to love Israel too much. Not a few Likud supporters believe that while outright violence is to be deplored, the motives of these men are patriotic. To call them terrorists is unfair, the term should be vigilantes.

Suddenly one realizes that the gulf separating Labour from Likud is, after all, too wide to be bridged. Menachem Begin considered the PLO as murderers, two-legged animals — and why? Because they put bombs into buses, blowing up women, children and old men.

The Likud viewed this kind of outrage as so contemptible that they could not allow foreign observers to honour the perpetrators with respectable designations like freedom fighter or guerrilla. But when a few plans to do exactly the same thing, they see him as a misguided hero, an idealist who has strayed from the legal path with the noblest of intentions, a vigilante.

The government, judged by the record, emerge as amateurs in the art of government; they have set back the economy a decade in time; they have wasted foreign currency like it's nobody's business; they have conducted a war which failed to achieve its objectives; they want to create a bi-national state based on a modified form of apartheid; and they look upon alleged Jewish terrorist attacks on Arab civilians with a sympathetic eye, as though boys will be boys.

Every government has to use a combination of brain and brawn. This one relies too little on brain and too much on brawn. That now is the time for change seems unarguable.

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# Small is effective

BY JACOB CHINITZ

Furthermore, what will be accomplished by this topsy-turvy approach to coalition government? If, at present, the small parties extract blackmail payments from the larger ones, all the more would the large parties extract concessions from the small ones? And I say, exactly! That is the solution, and that is exactly how it should be.

LET US illustrate our point by portraying an imaginary cabinet meeting under such a system of small party-large party coalition:

Prime Minister Porush: Fellow Sirs, with all due respect, I must bring up the question of the budget for the religious institutions. My bones still ache from my last beating at the hands of some anonymous assailants, but I feel sure that part of their motivation, aside from their purely undeserved hostility to me personally, was the fact that their yeshivot were not getting enough money. The situation has to be rectified.

Minister of the Interior Wilner: My dear Prime Minister, I did not become a member in this government to increase allocations to your

benighted, reactionary, clerical yeshivot. I must place at the head of our agenda the renewal of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. I feel certain that if we took several steps in the direction of non-alignment, such as the cancellation of our military joint exercises with the United States Navy, the cessation of propaganda about Shcharansky and Sakharov, and if we instructed Ambassador Blum to say a few kind words about the reason for the presence of the Soviet army in Afghanistan when he speaks at the United Nations — Gromyko would send us a football team in addition to the basketball team he has already allowed to play against our teams.

Minister of Science and Settlements Ne'eman: I must remind my colleagues of some of our original understandings. While it was assumed that each of us would pursue the interests of his own party, it was understood that open discussion of considerable allocations and substantial shifts in foreign policy would be curtailed in favour of discretion. Our primary objective at this point must be the increase of the Jewish population in the heartland of Eretz Yisrael.

Minister of Transport Peres: Just a moment, Chavermim. Just because you formed the government, remember, please, that without our votes the government will not survive the next vote of confidence. Our conditions for our support are very clear. They are in writing according to the original agreement of coalition.

We demand full cost-of-living increases every two weeks for all workers included in the Histadrut unions.

We want full logistical and financial support for the Christian militia in Southern Lebanon so our boys can come home from there.

Instead of making overtures to the Russians we should intensify our contacts with the Socialist International. In my opinion, it is not too late to restore Willy Brandt to his original friendly attitude towards us, and even Kreisky can be brought around from his pro-PLO position to see our point of view as well.

We should shore up our special relationship with the Americans. Of course, this will be easier to do if Mondale is elected instead of Reagan. But the latter assured me when I offered my support for his Middle East plan that even if I am not prime minister, he will stick with the Jordanian option to the end. Hussein did embarrass Reagan with some of his petulant remarks recently, but the president was told by his professional advisers that such things are part of the diplomatic game.

Finance Minister Abuhatzzeira: All this blackmail and threat to topple the government should not be tolerated. We cannot fulfill all the coalition agreements to the final letter. We have to be realistic. While we cannot deprive the poor — and

especially the Eastern Jews must not be discriminated against — the basic budgets of the army and industry cannot be cut anymore. We cannot change the government every Monday and Thursday.

Foreign Minister Geula Cohen: Gentlemen, I tried to present a strong nationalist policy in our relations and in our international relations in general. Naturally, we shall have to take our coalition partners' opinions into consideration. Shimon, will you accept cost-of-living increases every three weeks? Will you settle for a token return of our forces in Lebanon? Let us not quit our socialist affiliations — but, at the same time, why not increase our contacts with Honduras and South Africa? If the Soviet Union wants to approach us, let us not rebuff them. I changed my mind about imposing a ban on ministers lecturing in the United States. Perhaps we should cultivate public opinion there. It is said that half of the public still prefers us to the Arabs there.

Prime Minister Porush: Mr. Secretary, you are hereby instructed to report to the press that several items of importance were discussed at today's cabinet meeting. Decisions have been postponed until next week's meeting. Money for yeshivot and settlements have been deferred for further discussion in the Budget and Finance Committee, and relations with the Eastern bloc were referred to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. The crisis has been averted for the present. A vote of confidence in the Knesset is anticipated. Should it nevertheless occur, the government is confident of victory in the vote.

IN SHORT, would it not be better for the majority parties to wring concessions out of the minority parties? That way, a lot of funds would be saved, and more moderate policies would be followed, and fewer elections would be held.

The writer has contributed articles to newspapers in the U.S. and Israel.

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